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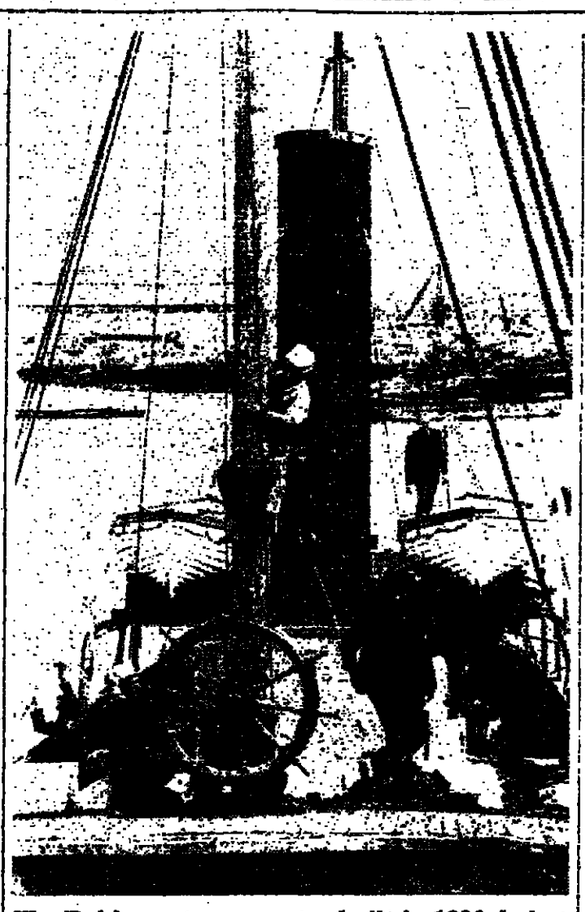
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"We will continue to move ahead with our allies to modernize and strengthen our military capabilities, both conventional and nuclear. We are determined to do whatever is necessary to assure our collective security and the forward defence of Europe", Mr Carter promised.
Today's announcement evoked a prompt endorsement from Mr Robert Byrd, the Democratic leader of the Senate, who was one of the first members of Congress to try to modify the President's personal preference for a swift end to the neutron development programme. He told reporters that the weapons should be introduced unless significant military concessions were forthcoming from the Soviet Union.
In the circumstances, the final option chosen by Mr Carter was probably the most sensible course of action at this stage. Had he pressed ahead with his original preference, he would have been accused of weakness towards the Soviet Union and of stubbornness in ignoring the advice of most of his key foreign policy advisers, including Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, and Mr Harold Brown, the Defence Secretary.
One of the last appeals to Mr Carter to change his mind before today's official announcement was made by ex-President Ford. At a press conference in Los Angeles last night he said that the neutron bomb was "highly essential" to the safety of Western Europe and the preservation of Western culture. He also criticized the President for failing to provide sufficient funds for the American defence programme.
The postponement of a final decision is also likely to be welcomed by other Nato countries. Although none of them has come out publicly in favour of production and deployment of neutron weapons because of the emotional controversy which surrounds the whole issue in their countries, they were known to believe that the programme should not be abandoned without seeking some military trade-off with the Soviet Union. This will now be possible, as the President made clear in his statement.
The ham-handed way in which the Administration has handled its approach to the issue has undoubtedly reinforced the impression here and overseas of confusion in the way it formulates its policies.
Since the news of the impending production of neutron bombs first became public knowledge last summer, the Administration had consistently emphasized the desirability of moving ahead with production. There was no suggestion that this view had changed until *The New York Times* suddenly announced earlier this week Mr Carter's highly personal preference for not proceeding with the programme.
The disclosure of the President's change of heart took virtually everybody in Washington, including some of his closest advisers, completely by surprise.

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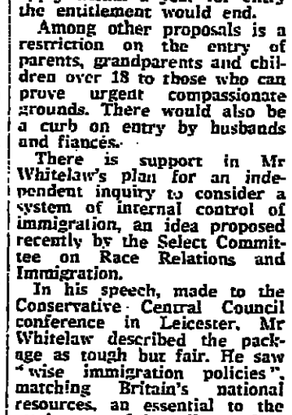
The Robin, a steam coaster built in 1890, being refitted at Rochester, Kent, as a museum for St Katharine's Dock, London.

Gutenberg Bible sold for $2m in New York

From Michael Leapman
New York, April 7
One of only 21 complete copies of the Gutenberg Bible known to exist was sold by Christie's in New York today for $2m (about £1,050,000).
It was the first time for 50 years that a copy of the two-volume Bible, printed in Mainz between 1452 and 1455, had been auctioned publicly. The price was the highest ever paid for a printed book at auction.
The buyer was Mr Martin Breslauer.
The book belonged to the General Theological Seminary of New York, whose former dean, the Very Rev Eugene Hoffman, bought it in 1898 for $15,000.
The Bibles are important in the rare book world because the man who printed them, Johannes Gutenberg, was the inventor of moveable type, and thus the father of modern printing. He is believed to have printed about 200. This copy has nineteenth-century bindings of blue morocco, tooled with gold.
While preparing the copy sold today Christie's experts discovered an error which makes the copy unique. Folio 279 had been printed twice, once in place of folio 272.
Stuttgart: The Baden-Württemberg state government announced it had purchased the Bible through Mr Breslauer for the State Museum here.

Tories propose a quota system for all non-EEC immigrants

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent
A quota system would be imposed by a Conservative government on all forms of entry from all countries outside the EEC as part of a plan intended to define clearly "both overall limits of future immigration and the annual rate of reception".
An important part of plan, announced yesterday by Mr William Whitelaw, Conservative deputy leader and spokesman on home affairs, would be a compulsory register of wives and children eligible for entry from the Indian subcontinent. If people did not apply within a year for entry the entitlement would end.
Among other proposals is a restriction on the entry of parents, grandparents and children over 18 to those who can prove urgent compassionate grounds. There would also be a curb on entry by husbands and fiancés.
There is support in Mr Whitelaw's plan for an independent inquiry to consider a system of internal control of immigration, an idea proposed recently by the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration.
In his speech, made to the Conservative Central Council conference in Leicester, Mr Whitelaw described the package as tough but fair. He saw "wise immigration policies", matching Britain's national resources, an essential to the attainment of "a climate free from the fears and anxieties which breed hostility and bitterness".
He continued: "Our aim must be to introduce certainty and finality into our plans so that we can end the constant and widespread preoccupation with levels of immigration and the anxieties of our people about them.
"Only in this way can we hope to remove from those who have come to our country in postwar years the label of 'immigrant', and give them their full place as British citizens who have made, and will make, an important contribution to the future prosperity of this country which they have made their home."
Mr Whitelaw said that an urgently needed new nationality law would be introduced by a Conservative government early in its term. That would remove some of the possible sources of future immigration.
At present people who entered the country after January 1, 1973, under conditions for temporary stay were still being accepted for permanent settlement. "We shall end that practice", he said. "If, after our change in the rules, any are accepted for some special reason, there would be no automatic entitlement for wives and dependants."
The position would be changed for parents, grandparents and children over 18 of heads of households already in Britain. Only people in those categories who fulfilled the stringent conditions of entry for distressed relatives would be considered for admittance.
They would have to be living alone, with no relatives and a standard of living substantially below that of their country.
A Conservative government would severely restrict employment without work permits except for those employed by overseas governments and international organizations, short-stay aircrews and seamen.
The issue of work permits both to Commonwealth citizens and to foreign nationals would be reduced to the absolute minimum.
Mr Whitelaw said that the Conservatives would revoke the concessions given by the Labour Government in 1974 to the husbands and fiancés of Commonwealth citizens and return to the 1973 immigration rules.
Under those, non-patrial husbands should be admitted only in compassionate cases and non-patrial fiancés would be granted entry only if exceptional hardship would result from the woman having to live outside the United Kingdom.
However, the Conservatives would continue to operate the procedure under Mr Callaghan's 1968 Act for United Kingdom passport holders from East Africa, who are permitted to enter at the rate of 5,000 vouchers a year for heads of households.
The total numbers in that category were finite. "We are told by the present Government that the figure is 33,100, including all dependants."
Mr Whitelaw said that, unfortunately, the other commitment, that to the wives and children under 16 of heads of households already accepted for settlement, was neither so clear nor finite. It concerned almost exclusively India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.
Neither the Home Office nor anyone else knew the numbers eligible in those categories and so the Conservatives proposed a compulsory register of eligible wives and children from the Indian subcontinent only. Responsibility for registering would be with the head of household in the United Kingdom. Where applications for entry had not been made within a year the entitlement would end.
Mr Whitelaw said there would be a clear statement that no more amnesties would be granted to those immigrants who were in Britain illegally. Police action, with particular checks on ports and airports, must be intensified.
There could be no question of compulsory repatriation. For those who genuinely wished to leave Britain there would be improvements in the arrangements for assisted passages under the Commonwealth Immigration Act, 1971.



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Anger over handling of Spillers' closures and loss of 8,000 jobs

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor
Arguments broke out last night among Government ministers, MPs and trade union leaders over the sudden sackings of 7,986 workers employed by the Spillers milling and baking combine, which is ceasing production of "Wonderloaf" and other branded breads.
Workers employed at 23 bakeries around Britain being closed exploded with anger against both the Government and the company over the handling of the dismissals, notified to trade unions only yesterday and apparently breaching the Government's own employment protection requirements for redundancies.
The sackings result from a decision by Spillers to sell one third of its baking combine to its rivals—Ranks Hovis McDougall ("Mother's Pride") and Associated British Foods ("Sunblest")—and ceasing production at the remainder to stop losses, which have totalled £28m over the past six years.
The closure operation is expected to cost Spillers about £16m. ABF will buy six other bakeries and RHM another seven plant bakeries for a combined £15.5m and this deal will protect over 5,000 workers who would have otherwise lost their jobs too.
Spillers claimed last night that the full implications of its withdrawal from bread-making had been discussed with the Government and the Bank of England (an indication of how serious were the financial problems for the food manufacturer).
It means that Britain is now served by just two major bakers, who will share out what is left of Spillers' 16 per cent of the national bread trade.
The deal is not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. In a statement Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said ministers had concluded that, "despite the many unsatisfactory features" of the proposed mergers, a reference to the Commission would not be in the interests of either the workers or the consumers. The uncertainty it would cause might result in more jobs being lost.
RHM and ABF are guaranteeing that the 13 reprieved bakeries will remain in operation for a year, a provision bound to add to union concern about the longer term.
Ministers claimed they were angry with Spillers about the lack of consultation with unions before making the announcement. However, it is known that Mr Hattersley, for one, has been aware of possible mass sackings since two days before Easter.
Mr Bruce Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland, said: "I deplore this action by Spillers which has resulted in a large number of redundancies throughout the United Kingdom without allowing sufficient time for proper consultations with the Government and the trade unions."
The role of Mr Hattersley in the affair seems unclear, for a letter he released yesterday, confirming government clearance under merger legislation to Mr Michael Vernon, the chairman of Spillers, shows considerable consultation within the Government. However, the Department of Prices and Consumer Protection's officials stressed principal responsibility for baking rested with Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, for his department was the main sponsoring department for milling and baking.
Under normal employment protection arrangements, employers should give the Department of Employment 90 days' notice of significant redundancies to allow sufficient time for union and other consultations.
MPs will no doubt be asking many questions next week about the Government's handling of the sackings. At least one source claimed some workers had received notices with immediate effect.
Mr Vernon, for the company, said: "We have come to our decision with deep regret, particularly since it involves terminating the jobs of so many loyal and hard-working people, many of whom have long service.
"Faced with the inescapable fact of the need to withdraw from the bread-baking industry and with 13,000 jobs at risk, we have at least been able to save over 5,000 of these by RHM and ABF taking over part of our interests."
There was no alternative but to cease production, he said, if Spillers was to continue as a sound group for the benefit of the remaining 16,000 employers.
Under the deals with competitors, Spillers will supply bread flour from its mills for five to ten years. The making of "Homepride" cakes will continue within Spillers.

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Britain may buy 20 US airliners

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
The board of British Airways meeting in London yesterday is believed to have decided to recommend to the Government that American rather than British airliners should be bought to meet a short-term need for new equipment.
The recommendation will be for the purchase of a fleet of 20 Boeing 737s. They would replace British Airways' fleets of Trident 1 and 2 aircraft, which will not meet new noise regulations by 1985.
The choice of an American airliner will be criticized by some MPs, who want British Airways to be directed to buy the BAC 1-11, a British airliner.

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Cross-Channel power link plan

Government authorization is being sought for a £250m scheme to connect the electricity supply networks of Britain and France. Up to four pairs of cables capable of transferring 2,000 megawatts of electricity would be laid

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5pc boost in UK living standards

Britons received a boost in real incomes, after allowing for tax and inflation, during the final three months of last year. Wage increases and price stability contributed to the 5 per cent rise in living standards

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Emergency talks on Aborigines

The Australian Cabinet met in emergency session to consider the clash between the Queensland state government and Canberra over Queensland's sudden takeover of two Aboriginal missions where there are large bauxite reserves

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Summit sets EEC poll for June next year

From Michael Hornsby
Copenhagen, April 7
EEC heads of government agreed here today to hold the first direct election to the European Parliament between Thursday, June 7 and Sunday, June 10, next year. Britons will vote on the Thursday, in accordance with tradition, but the outcome will be kept secret until the following Sunday night so that the results will not influence voters in other states.
The leaders said direct election was "of outstanding importance for the future of the European Communities and a vivid demonstration of the ideals of democracy shared by the people within them".
Mr Callaghan, the British Prime Minister, and his colleagues affirmed their determination "to ensure that the cherished values of their legal, political and moral order are respected and to safeguard the principles of representative democracy, of the rule of law, of social justice and of respect for human rights".
The application of these principles implied "a political system of pluralist democracy which guarantees both the free expression of opinions within the constitutional organization of powers and the procedures necessary for the protection of human rights".
Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, who accompanied Mr Callaghan, told reporters that the purpose of the declaration was to focus "attention on the fact that membership of the EEC is only compatible with being a democratic state".
No decision had yet been taken, Dr Owen said, on whether a reference to the declaration should be written into the treaties of accession that would have to be signed by Greece, Portugal and Spain on their entry into the Community.
Nor was any formal mechanism for expelling wayward members envisaged. It was inconceivable, however, "that anyone could remain for any length of time a member of the EEC, taking part in Community decisions, if it had installed a *junta*".
The directly elected Assembly will have 410 seats, of which Britain has been allotted 81. It will be elected for five years and according to the voting procedures preferred in each country. In Britain, this will necessitate the drawing up of 81 Euro-constituencies. The site of the Parliament alternates between Strasbourg and Luxembourg.
A politically sensitive question still to be decided is the level of European MPs' salaries. If these were harmonized on the high West German standard this could mean as much as £30,000 a year. Mr Callaghan has always made it clear that this could not be justified politically or socially in Britain.
The main economic business of the summit, a strategy for boosting growth without fuelling inflation, was tackled over dinner tonight. It is intended that this should be endorsed tomorrow morning.
Commenting briefly to journalists, President Giscard d'Estaing said that the creation of a "zone of monetary stability" in Europe was essential for economic recovery. He and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, are believed to have a new plan for limiting exchange rate movements.
The EEC leaders also discussed the financing and legal status of a European Foundation, a Community cultural institution proposed by Mr Leo Tindemans, the Belgian Prime Minister, in his report on European union.
Its main purpose would be to promote youth activities, university exchanges, and scientific debates and symposiums. Some member states, including Britain, have doubts about the value of such a body.

9.2% increase in Civil List grant proposed

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Public expenditure estimates for the Civil List, published yesterday, propose an increase in the grant to the Royal Family from £2,620,000 in the current year to £2,860,000 in 1978-79, an increase of about 9.2 per cent.
How the total grant will be allocated to individual members of the Royal Family will be settled fairly soon by the Royal Trustees, consisting of the Prime Minister, Mr Denis Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir Rennie Maudslay, Keeper of the Privy Purse and Treasurer to the Queen.
An immediate reaction from Mr William Hamilton, Labour MP for Fife Central and critic of the Royal Family, was to demand the setting up of a select committee to scrutinize the Estimate, and to deplore the increase of pay to members of the Royal Family without MPs having the opportunity to find out whether it is justified.
There would be a "nationwide sense of outrage", he said, if in the global increase it was proposed to increase the payment made to Princess Margaret.
Mr Hamilton, who has supporters in the Labour Party, believes that the select committee should be reconvened and that members of the Royal Family, not excluding the Queen, should come before MPs to justify any increase.
He tabled a question asking for a breakdown of the global sum proposed for the Royal Family, and submitted a Commons motion stating:
"This House would deplore any increase in the emoluments of any royal annuitant without proper scrutiny and debate by Parliament of the increase proposed; should demand a return to the practice pertaining up to 1972, namely, that of subjecting the financing of the institution of the Monarchy to critical examination by a select committee; that such examinations be held at not less than five-yearly intervals: and that the royal annuitants themselves be invited to submit both oral and written evidence."
The amount of grant provided in the Estimate (£1,040,000) has to be added to the amount provided under the Civil List Acts, which have revised the general provision for the Royal Family from time to time, the last being in 1975, which specified £1,820,000 a year.
The direct comparison must therefore be: 1975-76, £1,820,000; 1976-77, £1,820,000, plus grant of £500,000; 1977-78, £1,820,000, plus £800,000; and 1978-79, £1,820,000, plus £1,040,000, total, £2,860,000.
It would be possible for Labour critics to try to block the Estimate when it comes up for approval in July, but the allocations to individual members of the Royal Family could not be challenged. Mr Hamilton conceded yesterday that that was the position.
But ministers are worried lest the activities of a small number of Labour MPs should give the impression that the Labour Party is swinging decisively towards republicanism. They expect the Prime Minister in the next few days to give an assurance that the Government has no sympathy with those who are trying to exploit the personal problems of Princess Margaret to undermine the present constitution.
Some Labour MPs on the left wing who might have been assumed to be allies of Mr Hamilton last night expressed their doubts about a Labour move to bring the Royal Family under close parliamentary scrutiny. They thought the Conservatives could gain electorally from such a campaign.

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Whitelaw plan under attack for severity and discrimination by race

By Our Home Affairs Correspondent

Mr David Lane, chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality and a former Tory Home Office minister, strongly criticized Mr Whitelaw's proposals on immigration yesterday.

Although he praised the emphasis on positive action to improve race relations, Mr Lane said: "We deplore the severity of the immigration proposals, particularly the suggestion of a register confined to the Indian subcontinent, which would be discriminatory."

Mr Lane also condemned the "apparent support for an elaborate system of internal control of immigration".

Immigration had already declined and was likely to decline to still lower levels. Further restrictions would lead to even longer delays in the reuniting of families. "This would be bad for race relations; social and other problems are intensified when families are divided", he said.

Firm control of immigration existed, and that control should be maintained on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants described Mr Whitelaw's speech as one of "breathtaking cynicism and hypocrisy". It added: "Mr Whitelaw talks of humanity and understanding while setting out the most inhumane agenda for restriction yet proposed by a political party."

Miss Kate Francis, executive officer of the National Association of Community Relations Councils, said: "We are heartily sick of seeing racist immigration policies justified on the grounds that they will bring about better race relations. They will not, and to claim that they will is a grotesque distortion of both the truth and social justice."

Mr Whitelaw's speech was criticized by the National Council for Civil Liberties as "a confused and ignorant attempt to capitalize on racist prejudice".

There was much criticism from the immigrant community. Mr Kanti Nagda, secretary general of the Confederation of Indian Organizations, said of the package: "This is a policy we did not expect from the liberal wing of the Tory party. The policies seem to be a single-minded obsession with bringing a full stop to coloured immigration."

Our Political Correspondent writes: Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, decided last night not to issue a comment on Mr Whitelaw's speech because he thought that he had shown clearly on Thursday that Mrs Thatcher's statement at the end of January that people had a fear of being "swamped" by people with alien cultures was unfounded.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, speaking at Leamington last night, said it was not possible to advance an honest policy on immigration and race relations which was not based on facts. Nor could anyone who exaggerated or distorted the facts be said to have chosen the path of moderation.

"Immigration by close and dependent relatives of previous immigrants is declining fast. All arguments about the morality of immigration ought to begin with one simple unequivocal fact about the immigration statistics: the number of new entrants is small and will continue to decline", he said.

Miss Joan Lestor, MP for Eton and Slough and chairman of the Labour Party, said that Mr Whitelaw, by suggesting that the Conservatives would bring an end to immigration, had been unspeakably mean and petty.

"It is all a big act, giving the impression that the Conservatives can do something which they cannot do", she said. It was impossible to have a register and to assert that there was certainty and finality about it because the pattern was constantly changing.

'Finality' to immigration under the Conservative Party's proposals

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

If the Conservatives go ahead with proposals made yesterday by Mr William Whitelaw, the opposition spokesman on home affairs, they will succeed in holding out "the clear prospect of an end to immigration" as it has been known. A debatable issue is, at what price.

That aim was not stated explicitly yesterday by Mr Whitelaw, who, speaking in Leicester, toned down the phrase he used in the same venue in September, 1976. This time he spoke merely of introducing "certainty and finality" into the plans. But the effect would be the same.

Apart from tough new measures proposed for handling the entry of dependants from the Indian subcontinent, the nature of Britain's immigration practice would change.

The key to that lies in a further clampdown on people who entered Britain after January 1, 1973, under conditions for temporary stay and are still being accepted for permanent settlement. That practice would be ended, Mr Whitelaw said.

"If after our change in the rules any are accepted for some special reason, there will be no automatic entitlement for wives and dependants", he added. Though he did not say so, the effect could be that Britain will, like its Continental neighbours, have a system of "guest workers".

Britain might also be following Continental practice if there was a change to internal immigration control. Here Mr Whitelaw has agreed with the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration that there should be an independent inquiry to consider such a system.

The main objection put forward to the select committee's ideas was fear that there would be a need to have identity cards, or some other means of policing, which it was thought by critics would restrict civil liberties. The question is whether it would be worth introducing draconian new measures for the numbers involved, which are unknown.

Another way (not mentioned by Mr Whitelaw) might be for some form of sanction to be applied to employers guilty of employing people without entitlement. That would be bound to raise hostility.

One of the most controversial measures proposed is that of a register of women and children dependents from the Indian sub-continent. Last year 15,944 were accepted for settlement on arrival. Although Mr Whitelaw quoted Lord Franks's committee in support of the proposal, opponents recall Lord Franks's important cayeat.

True, the Franks report did say that the only register that could provide a reasonably accurate picture of future commitments at the time it was compiled would be a compulsory scheme with a time limit on registration, failing which entitlement would be withdrawn.

But the report added: "There are important objections to such a scheme and it is right that we should bring them to attention. They flow from natural human concern lest families should be prevented from living together, and from the belief that those settled here should have the reasonable expectation, unless clearly given to understand otherwise at the outset, that their close family will be allowed to settle with them."

Any system that made settlement conditional on registration could be held to be in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights. If a register was introduced it would be fair to have a right of appeal both against refusal of settlement and refusal of registration. All that would cost money.

Mr Whitelaw admits that the compilation of the register would mean further delay in processing entry certificates. So, in that respect at least, the clear prospect of an end to immigration would be postponed. And a quota system would merely delay the entry of dependants with entitlement to come to Britain under present arrangements.

Some experts believe that just as the number of United Kingdom passport holders in East Africa likely to arrive in Britain is finite, so is the broad category of wives and children. So a quota would merely delay a process that is inevitable. Against that, others would argue that if it is reassurance that many people want, a register would help to give it.

The toughness in the Conservative proposal lies in the fact that where application for dependants to be on the register had not been made within a year of its being opened, entitlement would cease.

Without the idea of a register and a quota applied to all forms of entry from all non-EEC countries across the board the Conservative proposals would not much effect the flow of entry from the Indian subcontinent, according to calculations done by the Runnymede Trust.

No more than 6,173 would have been affected by the other new proposals if they had been in existence last year. But globally the figure would have been 40,762.

At present, the Trust says, permanent settlement is permitted for work permit holders who have been in employment for four years. In 1977 the total in this category given permission was 6,893, of whom 6,151 were foreigners. The number is likely to decrease because of restrictions on work permit holders.

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Tory gloom over young jobless

From David Brindle
Leicester

Almost 300,000 of the 690,000 school-leavers this year are unlikely to find work, according to Mr James Prior, opposition spokesman on employment, speaking at the Conservative Central Council annual meeting at Leicester yesterday.

Mr Prior said that while unemployment had more than doubled under Labour, the number of young people under 18 out of work had increased eight times. He blamed the Government's failure to take a grip on the economy, allowing state spending to soar, and doing nothing to avert a wages explosion.

Too often the Government had destroyed jobs, he said, blaming the 8,000 redundancies at Spillers-French Bakeries on too strict a price policy.

Youth unemployment could be tackled if the onus was taken away from state-run schemes and placed on the imagination, flair and determination to succeed of the young themselves, he said.

Outlining an eight-point Conservative plan, Mr Prior reiterated the promise of cuts in tax and the level of bureaucracy, but he emphasized that efforts should be concentrated at a local level, particularly in areas of heavy industry, rather than on a national or regional basis.

An important contribution could come from the services sector and from small firms which had been stifled by the Government's exclusive enthusiasm for conglomerates and big business. Mr Prior called for fewer forms, less investigation, less tax, more help, and simple explanation of the grants and assistance available.

He urged a closer relationship between secondary and further education and skill training, and he floated the idea of an "open tech" for industrial training through television along the lines of the Open University.

In a debate on education Mr Norman St John-Stevas called for a return to a national consensus on the subject. Mixed ability teaching should be discouraged, and stopped where children were evidently suffering, he said.

In teacher-training institutions practical classroom skills should be emphasized at the expense of education theory.

Mr St John-Stevas pledged that a Conservative government would repeal the Education Act 1976. No Conservative secretary of state, he said, would approve reorganization schemes involving closure of schools of proven worth.

In elections for the executive committee of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, Dame Adelaide Doughty was elected president and Sir Herbert Redfern chairman.

Orcadians fear for their seals

By Ronald Faux

Should Brigitte Bardot make an appearance on the island of Little Linga next autumn, few Orcadians will be surprised. The Ferne Trust, which owns the seven acres of sanctuary for grey seals, is concerned that a large-scale cull is being contemplated by the Government because of alleged damage inflicted by the grey seals on salmon stocks.

The trust is considering ways it can change the official mind and Miss Bardot's efforts on behalf of seals in Greenland have not escaped their attention.

Mr Edward Cox, chairman of the trust, said yesterday that the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland had warned them that a cull was possible on the sanctuary where 850 grey seals breed.

"Our information is that the fishermen in Orkney do not seriously blame the seals for attacking the stocks of fish. The foreign trawlers are more to blame. A single one of them will take far more than the entire seal population put together. Instead of picking on a sanctuary, the department should be counting the toll these trawlers take."

The grey seal is the largest British mammal and its numbers are thought to have more than doubled in the past seven years. Mr William Vaughan, of the Natural Environment Research Council, an authority on seals, said yesterday that the numbers could be halved without endangering the species.

Mr Neave calls for ban Provisional Sinn Fein

From John Groser
Belfast

A call to the Government to declare the Provisional Sinn Fein illegal was made yesterday by Mr Airey Neave, the Conservative spokesman on Northern Ireland.

Speaking to Unionists in Belfast, he said that the recent belligerence of the Provisional IRA should be countered by swift measures.

"It is no longer tolerable for their so-called political front, the Provisional Sinn Fein, to make public speeches threatening the United Kingdom with violence. The Provisional Sinn Fein is virtually indistinguishable from the Provisional IRA", he said.

Mr Neave, who is in the province on a four-day visit, called on Mr James Callaghan to speak firmly to Dublin and make clear the determination of Westminster to restore order in Northern Ireland.

He said that both governments should show determination and statesmanship. Empty phrases hurled across the border would not solve anything. It was vital for Mr Callaghan and Mr Jack Lynch, the Irish Prime Minister, to show equal dedication to the c terrorism.

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Attack will flaw Poussin masterpiece

By Kenneth Gosling
Arts Reporter

A preliminary examination of the damage caused in Monday's attack on Nicolas Poussin's painting, "The Adoration of the Golden Calf", at the National Gallery has shown that the seventeenth-century work, valued by some experts at more than £2m, will never be restored to its original quality.

The gallery said yesterday: "Although with much time and effort it can be repaired, it will no longer be possible to regard it as a complete and well preserved example of his art at its greatest."

The gallery's conservation department found that five pieces of canvas had been cut and ripped from the stretcher.

Although it appears that most of the canvas has been recovered, there was considerable loss of paint where the work was violently cut. Those areas will have to be retouched.

£5,522 for queue man

Mr Michael Carr, aged 56, of Leek, Staffordshire, the former general manager of a haulage company, who was dismissed for leaving the office to queue for bread during the bakers' strike, was awarded £5,522 compensation by an industrial tribunal at Shrewsbury, Salop, yesterday.

Doubts over taping of police questions

By Marcel Berlins

The Home Office has put a damper on the possibility of using tape recordings in police stations to ensure that interviews by the police of crime suspects are beyond challenge in the courts.

In a note, not made public, to the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure, the Home Office, although putting both sides of the argument, makes clear its lack of enthusiasm for a comprehensive scheme of taping police interrogations.

It accepts that there is a "powerful and persuasive argument" that tape recording would provide a more objective and reliable means of disclosing what was said in an interview at a police station.

The Home Office goes on, however, to refer to "very considerable drawbacks" that would arise. It says: "In particular, it is fallacious to assume that, just because of its mechanical character, a tape recording will automatically produce evidence which can be accepted by all as completely neutral and unchallengeable."

There could be disputes about what was said if the recording was unclear, or a criminal, knowing that his remarks were being recorded, could make allegations against the interviewing officer (for example, shouting out "Stop it, you're breaking my arm").

The Home Office note continues: "The likely need for transcripts to be provided for prosecution and defence use in most if not all cases must almost certainly rule out on grounds of cost and manpower any prospect of the introduction of a general system of tape recording in this country unless its scope were substantially restricted".

"It therefore seems most unlikely that the general use of tape recording could ever become a widespread feature of our criminal justice procedure."

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, has said that he would wait for the royal commission's views before coming to a decision on whether to set up an experimental scheme, as proposed in 1976 (and not acted on at that time) by a committee set up by Mr Roy Jenkins, the former Home Secretary.

Unions review aid for young unemployed

By Mark Jackson of *The Times Educational Supplement*

The Civil Service unions are reconsidering their refusal to let jobless young people get work experience in government establishments. A lifting of the ban would help in the implementation of the £160m-a-year national programme for the young unemployed which started this week.

The Manpower Services Commission is placing growing importance on work experience, developed over the past 18 months as a crisis measure, in the new five-year package of schemes for the young. But although 40,000 young people aged between 16 and 19 are being given experience in shops, factories and offices, including local government departments, the Civil Service unions "blacked" the scheme from the start.

The executive of the Civil and Public Services Association, the largest Civil Service union, will recommend its conference next month to relax the ban at least to permit some pilot schemes.

British Rail, which until now has also refused to participate in the work-experience scheme, not because of union opposition but because its training management has been unimpressed by its value as a temporary measure against unemployment, has agreed to discuss with the commission how it might be able to participate in the new programmes.

Maugham notebooks

During the last 20 years of Somerset Maugham's life his nephew, Robin, was a frequent visitor to the writer's home in the south of France, and he kept a careful record of their conversations. On his uncle's death in 1965 he put these notebooks into store and when he came across them by accident 10 years later, "I realized I had found a treasure trove". Tomorrow *The Sunday Times* publishes the first of two edited extracts from Robin Maugham's new book based on his diaries.

Oxford college to make visitors pay

Christ Church will on May 1 become the first Oxford college to levy a charge on visitors. The charges are aimed at bringing in about £300,000 to help towards the upkeep of the college, which attracts a million people a year.

Visitors will pay 30p to see the hall, college chapel and grounds and an extra 15p will be charged to see the picture gallery.

Mr J. K. Batey, the college treasurer, said: "With the vast number of visitors, it means we shall have to employ more staff to control them. There is also considerable wear and tear on the college, and the costs of repair must be covered. We hope the entrance fee may help to reduce the number of visitors".

Union claim members in the Services

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He believed that t Forces would even fully unionized. "T officer has suffered of massive blows fina recent years", he said speaking at a celeb mark his first 10 general secretary of J

Mr Jenkins said th of incomes policies was securing increas members ranging fr 29 per cent.

Building company 'paid golfers' bills'

The Midlands construction firm of C. Bryant & Son paid the bills when an intimate circle of golfers went drinking and gambling, it was alleged at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

Mr James Sharp, a prosecution witness, said that among the select group were Bryant directors and Mr John Maudsley, the Birmingham city architect. Mr Sharp, an architect, of King's Norton, Birmingham, said there were regular visits to places like Sunningdale, with Bryant men paying hotel an dother bills.

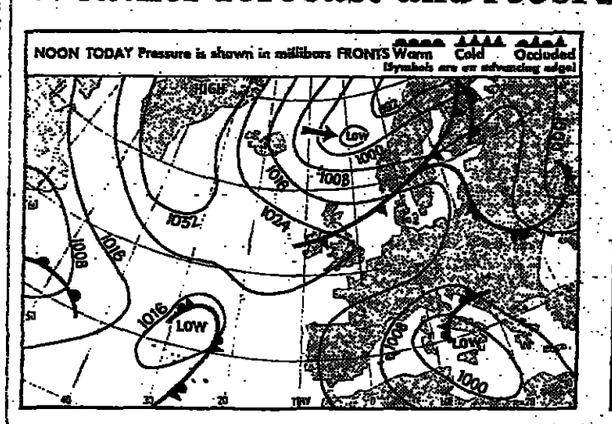
After golf there were visits to big hotels to eat "as much and whatever we wanted". Then it was gambling time. "Mr Maudsley liked gambling very much", he said, and money would be handed to him very discreetly by the Bryant men in various gambling clubs. "He would be given up to £50 and if he lost that, he would sometimes ask and get more", he added.

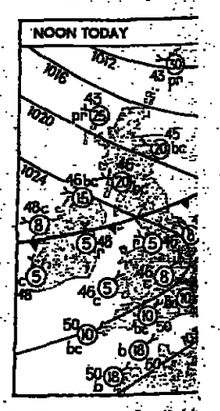
Mr Sharp, who said he and Mr Maudsley had been convicted of corruption in 1974, added that there was also heavy betting whenever the group were on the golf course.

He wis giving evidence on the second day of the trial of Alan Christopher Bryant, aged 53, chairman of C. Bryant and Son, of Saintbury, near Broadway, Hereford and Worcester, who denies two charges of conspiracy to corrupt.

The Crown has alleged that the company tried to corrupt members of local authorities in Birmingham and elsewhere by giving them Christmas gifts and, in relation to one particular official, providing entertainment.

Weather forecast and recordings





h—blue sky; ic—half cl cloudy; o—overcast; fog h—hail; m—mist; r—rain ts—thunderstorm; sh—show periodical rain with snow.

Today

Sun rises: 6.21 am Sun sets: 7.45 pm
Moon rises: 6.52 am Moon sets: 8.52 pm
First quarter: April 15.
Lighting up: 8.15 pm to 5.49 am
High water: London Bridge, 3.8 am, 7.1m (23.4ft); 3.33 pm, 7.4m (24.2ft). Avonmouth, 8.46 am, 13.8m (45.3ft); 9.3 pm, 13.6m (44.6ft). Dover, 12.11 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 12.31 pm, 6.6m (21.8ft). Hull, 7.36 am, 7.4m (24.2ft); 7.45 pm, 7.5m (24.5ft). Liverpool, 12.23 am, 9.3m (30.6ft); 12.38 pm, 9.5m (31.3ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.19 am Sun sets: 7.47 pm
Moon rises: 7.21 am Moon sets: 9.58 pm
Lighting up: 8.17 pm to 5.47 am
High water: London Bridge, 3.46 am, 7.3m (23.9ft); 4.10 pm, 7.4m (24.3ft). Avonmouth, 9.25 am, 13.7m (45.1ft); 9.37 pm, 13.5m (44.3ft). Dover, 12.48 am, 6.8m (22.4ft); 1.6 pm, 6.6m (21.8ft). Hull, 8.12 am, 7.3m (24.0ft); 8.20 pm, 7.4m (24.1ft). Liverpool, 1.1 am, 9.3m (30.6ft); 1.17 pm, 9.4m (31.0ft).

A ridge of high pressure is weakening as a trough moves slowly S across Scotland.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S, SW, England, Channel Islands: Dry, sunny spells; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

East Anglia, E England: Cloudy, mainly dry; wind NE, light or moderate; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Midlands, Wales, NW, Central N, NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mainly dry, cloudy, some sunshine; wind light, variable; max temp 9° or 10°C (48° to 50°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Cloudy, dry at first, a little rain in places; wind light, variable; max temp 9° or 10°C (48°F to 50°F).

Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals developing, scattered showers; wind W, moderate; max temp 7° or 8°C (45° to 46°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Colder, sunny and scattered show England and Wales will at first.

Sea passages: S, N Wind NE, moderate or moderate.

Strait of Dover, Channel (E): Wind NE strong; sea moderate o

St George's Channel: light or moderate; sea

Irish Sea: Wind N or or moderate; sea sligh

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

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Amsterdm	r	9	48	Dublin	c	7	45	Locarno	f	11	52
Athens	c	18	64	Edinburgh	r	9	48	London	r	9	48
Barcelona	c	15	59	Florence	c	11	52	Luxembrg	s	7	45
Beirut	s	19	66	Funchal	c	17	63	Madrid	r	12	54
Belfast	c	7	45	Geneva	s	8	46	Majorca	r	15	59
Berlin	s	9	48	Gibraltr	c	15	59	Malaga	f	15	59
Bermuda	s	22	72	Guernsey	r	7	45	Malta	s	19	66
Biarritz	r	10	50	Helsinki	s	0	30	Munich	s	7	45
Brussels	s	9	48	Innsbruck	r	12	54	Nairobi	c	27	81
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								Tel Aviv	s	19	66
								Vienna	r	7	45
								Warsaw	c	6	43
								Zurich	s	7	45

Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 pm, 11°C (52°F); min 7 am, 2°C (36°F). Humic 59 per cent. Rain, 24 hr nil. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm Bar, mean sea level, 7 p millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Overseas selling prices: Austria, Sch 18; Belgium Canaries, Pes 60; Denmark, Finland, Fmk 3.25; France, Germany, Dmk 2.50; Gree Holland, Dfl 2.00; Hungal 6.00; Italy, Lire 700; L 1.25; Madeira, Esc 22.50; Norway, Kr 4.50; Portugal Spain, Pes 60; Sweden Switzerland, Sfr 2.00; U $1.00; Yugoslavia, Din 34.

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Fears of water pollution from dumping allayed

By Our Science Editor

The fear that extensive pollution of water supplies could be expected from sites on which hazardous industrial wastes have been dumped is assuaged in a report published yesterday.

It contains the findings of a £1.73m research programme in which teams from the Institute of Geological Sciences, the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, and the Water Research Centre examined 20 of the biggest sites in Britain used for dumping an almost limitless range of potentially poisonous substances.

In addition to drilling hundreds of holes in those areas to test for the leaching of harmful substances into water courses and to examine the chemical composition of wastes, laboratory studies have been made to predict unusual chemical reactions that might occur from a mixture of diverse industrial effluents.

The report provides a more scientific basis for consultation between waste disposal authorities and regional water authorities.

Its main conclusion is that fears expressed about the damaging effects of depositing industrial waste, toxic and non-toxic, in the ground are not generally justified.

A detailed description of the most suitable geological strata for waste sites is given, together with a long list of different waste substances and the way they behave in a mixture of other wet and dry effluents. *Hazardous Wastes in Landfill Sites* (Stationery Office, £7).

Ouse safe: Normal water supplies were resumed in York yesterday after being reduced on Thursday when herbicides and pesticides seeped into a tributary of the Ouse (our York Correspondent writes).

The chemicals, which included paraquat, were diluted as they flowed downstream.

Yorkshire Water Authority is to seek tighter controls on chemical storage.

Polling in two safe Tory seats will be on April 27

Writes for by-elections in the two safe Conservative seats of Wycombe, and Epsom and Ewell were issued in the Commons yesterday. The by-elections, where the Tories will be defending majorities of 9,079 and 16,290, will be held on April 27. That brings to four the total of by-elections due over the next three weeks.

The Epsom and Ewell vacancy is caused by the peerage announced for Sir Peter Rawlinson last month. In the general election the Liberals forced Labour into third place

The former Wycombe MP, Sir John Hall, died in January. Other by-elections are due on the Labour seats of Glasgow, Garscadden (April 13), Lambeth Central (April 20) and Hamilton, for which no date has yet been set.

Voting in October, 1974, was as follows:

Wycombe: Sir John Hall (C) 27,131; W. F. Black (Lab) 18,052; M. T. James (L) 11,333; D. H. Smith (National Front) 2,049.

Epsom and Ewell: Sir Peter Rawlinson (C) 32,109; D. J. Griffiths (L) 15,819; N. J. Kearney (Lab) 11,471.

London fare rises to be investigated

By a Staff Reporter

The price increase of a tenth proposed for London's buses and Underground trains from June 18 is to be the subject of London Transport's first investigation by the Price Commission.

Announcin gthe investigation yesterday, Mr Charles Williams, chairman of the commission, said he hoped the investigation would show the underlying cost structure of London Transport and the reasons why fares were as high as they were. But he could not promise that the increases would be halted.

Although prices would technically be frozen while the investigation continued, London Transport would be entitled to apply for the whole of the increase and the commission might be unable to stop it.

The investigation will be completed in early July. London Transport said last night it would be applying for an interim increase under safeguard regulations.

The increase was announced on January 27 and approved with minor alterations by the Greater London Council on February 28. It was notified to the commission on March 13.

Previous rises in fares were a quarter in 1976 and 15 per cent last summer.

The announcement was criticizew by Miss Shelagh Roberts, leader of the GLC's planning and communications policy committee, who said she was surprised the commission had not consulted the GLC.

The increase was in accord with Government guidelines, Miss Roberts said. Reducing it further would have meant a greater burden of subsidies for ratepayers. It looked suspiciously as though the commission's decision was politically motivated.

'Fastest draw' loses gun certificate plea

Joseph ("Smokey Joe") Sewell, winner of last year's British Westerners' Association Fast Draw Championship, demonstrated his skill to Judge Solomon at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday in his appeal against the refusal of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police to grant him a firearms certificate.

Mr Sewell, aged 40, of Halstow Road, Kensal Green, London, the London director of the British Fast Draw Association, said he needed a firearms certificate to enable him to have a deactivated gun to take part in competitions.

Mr Douglas Gomez, senior executive officer in charge of firearms at Scotland Yard, said earlier that the police in London had a policy of refusal because the granting of such certificates would be a way of bringing lethal weapons into circulation.

Judge Solomon dismissed the appeal.

Union backing for editor

The executive committee of the National Union of Journalists decided yesterday to give the editor of the union's newspaper, *The Journalist* its full support should action for contempt of court be taken against him.

Mr Ronald Knowles was recently warned by police officers that proceedings were being considered after the identification in the newspaper of an officer in an Official Secrets Act case.

Cracks in motorway

Part of the M6 motorway near Rugby will be closed from today because cracks have been found in the surface of the north-bound carriageway over the river Swift bridge.

Correction

Mr John Powley, the leader of the Cambridge City Council, did not announce that the council had been forced to abandon plans for the redevelopment of the Kite area, as reported on March 16, but that the council had had to abandon compulsory purchase orders connected with the scheme.

Frenchman wins conductors' competition

By Our Music Reporter

Frenchman, Gerard Akoka, aged 28, last night won the fourth Rupert Foundation international conductors' competition, with a performance of Beethoven's fourth symphony in the final at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon.

After most of the 21 competitors, from 14 countries, had been eliminated, he faced in the final a young Chilean, Maximiano Valdes, who conducted Beethoven's second symphony.

Based on the performances in the public contest and also in earlier rounds, the judges awarded M Akoka the £4,000 first prize, which carries with it the opportunity to conduct concerts with BBC orchestras.

Dr Coggan visits court

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, sat with judge Streeter on the bench at Canterbury Crown Court yesterday, the first time an Archbishop of Canterbury had sat there.

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Travel contrasts: A stage coach used on the London-Edinburgh route in the 1830s arriving in Bayswater, London, yesterday, pulled by four Cleveland Bays after a five-day tourist trip from Ripon, Yorkshire. Beside it is a £165,000 bus from the United States with a new gas turbine engine of 310 horse power.

Dour dedication of student politicians bodes well for bureaucracy

From Ian Bradley
Blackpool

Nobody could say, on the evidence of the behaviour of their elected leaders in Blackpool this week, that British students are lazy.

The thousand-odd delegates to the NUS conference sat dutifully in the Winter Gardens from 9 am until midnight adding composite resolutions, referring back amendments, and "prioritizing" motions as only they know how.

In the brief intervals left they were not enjoying the sun on the Blackpool beaches but listening to fraternal delegates from Garners Steak House, sending telegrams to liberation movements in various parts of the Third World, or burning "sexist" magazines outside W. H. Smith's.

Nor did the students stop at midnight. That hour is the time for the workings of a caucus system that would have amazed and delighted Joseph Chamberlain. The members of each political grouping decide what line they will take in the next day's debates. At 2 am they adjourn to the hotel bar for a couple of hours of light political banter before bed.

Even the discotheque which took place on Thursday night had a distinctly political flavour with the third and fourth prizes in the raffle being a week in the Communist University of London and a book on the progress of socialism in Russia. They were won respectively, in a draw that did not look rigged, by the education correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph* and the *Daily Express*.

The dedication of the present generation of student leaders, many of who on past form are likely to go on to higher things in Westminster, bodes well for the future bureaucratic well-being of the British political machine.

At least one part of the capitalist system has cause to be grateful to students; the duplicating paper industry must have made several thousand pounds in Blackpool this week.

The only qualities that student politicians seem rather lacking in are education and humour. Few of them gave any sign of deriving much from their academic life apart from agitating activities in their respective institutions of learning.

In the whole week there was only one literary reference in a speech, when a delegate compared the thirteenth clause of a motion on grants to a line in T. S. Eliot's *The Waste Land*.

The jokes, too, were thin on the ground. But then, a dour dedication to the serious business of the day is perhaps no bad thing for our future politicians to be showing.

NUS rejects two left-wing calls

On the final day of its conference yesterday the National Union of Students rejected left-wing calls to give unconditional support to the Provisional IRA and to embark on a campaign of direct action against the system of quotas on overseas students.

The union, however, agreed to give full support to the Patriotic Front in Rhodesia and "its armed forces".

Strong attacks on far-left students were made by both the incoming and outgoing presidents.

Making her final speech as president, Miss Susan Slipman, who is a Communist, said that many students on the left had "learnt the arrogance of posing as people who have a divine right to moralize on all issues". Other left-wing students, however, had not learnt this humility and for that reason, she said, the NUS would never be led by the far left.

Miss Slipman went out of her way to welcome the reelection of a conservative to the union's executive. She said: "I want to see a socialist society in Britain but I do not want a society where you put people up against the wall and shoot them".

Mr Trevor Phillips, who takes over as president in July, attacked the left during the debate on the call for a campaign of direct action against quotas for overseas students. He said: "This kind of motion makes me speechless with rage. We are selling our students for the slogans of the ultra-left. We have got to work not just for militants and socialists, but for all 800,000 of our students."

The theme of unity has dominated the debates at this week's conference, with the union's executive trying to keep to broad policies acceptable to most students despite left-wing appeals for militant action on particular issues.

The executive has carried its line on most of the main issues, except for the controversial "No platform for racists", which was reintroduced as part of NUS policy.

Period of low food prices is ending

By Hugh Clayton

Plaice and gammon have risen above an average of £1 a pound for the first time and rump steak has reached almost £1.60 the Price Commission reported yesterday. Its survey of fresh food prices showed increases on most varieties and marked the first official admission that the period of low prices began almost a year ago was ending.

The commission's price index showed a drop of six points in the 12 months to March, but a rise of more than two points between November and March. Vegetable prices are still much lower than two years ago, but they have begun to increase.

Rough weather has pushed up fish prices, and increased demand has ended months of steady sales and prices for meat. While meat prices fell early in 1977, they have been rising steadily this year.

Rump steak averaged £1.46 a pound early in 1977 and £1.58 a pound last February. The only fresh food in the survey not to show a marked change for many months was oranges.

Fresh Food Prices and Margins (Price Commission, Neville House, Page Street, London, SW1).

Eagle eggs taken

Two men have been questioned by the police in connection with the disappearance of two golden eagle eggs from an eyrie near Loch Ness, Highlands.

Schools dispute over the Queen's portrait

By Diana Geddes
Education Correspondent

The distribution of new portraits of the Queen to schools in Tameside, Greater Manchester, is being postponed because of teachers' reaction to a warning of instant dismissal if they removed the pictures from "prominent position" in the schools.

Any dismissal on such grounds would be against the law, the National Association of Head Teachers said yesterday.

The dismissal warning was given by Mr Colin Grantham, leader of the Conservative-controlled council, which has bought 140 framed photographs of the Queen at a total cost of £4,060. They are intended to han gin each school as part of its silver jubilee commemoration.

The threat of instant dismissal of those who tampered with the portraits came after Mr Grantham had heard from a member of the National Union of Teachers that some teachers would not like the pictures and might try to remove them or put them in obscure places.

He moved a resolution at the education committee meeting on Tuesday that the portraits should be hung in a prominent position where everyone arriving or leaving the school could see them, and that anyone who moved them should be dismissed.

The resolution, which was passed by 16 votes, with eight abstentions, will go before the full council on May 2 for ratification.

The executive council of the National Association of Head Teachers decided at their meeting in London yesterday that dismissal on such "ridiculous" grounds would constitute a violation of employment protection legislation.

In a statement the executive council said that it would have thought the Conservative Party on the Tameside education committee would have had "better things to do than to devote their time to rather stupid discussions about the positioning of the Queen's portrait in schools".

Mr John Sayer, spokesman for the newly formed Secondary Heads Association, which represents a majority of heads in secondary schools, said yesterday: "If would seem that Mr Grantham is doing a severe disservice to the monarchy by including the Queen's name and image in a provocative statement which can only increase polarization between a local education authority and the head teachers who have the prime responsibility for creating the educational environment in their schools."

It was clear yesterday that some of the Tameside Tories are beginning to have second thoughts about their resolution. Mr Donald Thorpe, chairman of the education committee, said he would have preferred the threat of dismissal to have been omitted.

He has now decided that "in view of the unfortunate situation that has arisen", he will postpone distributing the portraits until some of the heat has dissipated. He is then likely to leave it to the head teacher in conjunction with the governors or manager to decide where the picture should be hung, he said.

Buckingham Palace had no comment to make on the Tameside decision.

Flexible hours becoming more popular in Britain

By a Staff Reporter

About a million people in Britain are now working flexible hours, according to Mr Graham Reinelt, chief executive of the company that introduced Flextime, as they call it, to Britain in 1971. Expansion this year is at twice the expected rate.

Of the million, about 100,000 are civil servants and 6,000 work for the Post Office. The Automobile Association, Esso, and eight leading life assurance companies use flexible hours.

Civil Service representatives were among those who were yesterday shown the latest equipment for recording working hours, marketed by Hengstler Flextime, the company at Waltham Cross associated with the West German parent company.

Mr Reinelt said about 12 million employees in Britain could benefit from the adoption of flexible working hours, but the social gains in terms of staggered travel and the better use of facilities would be great if only eight million did so.

Under the flexible hours system fixed times of arrival and departure are replaced by a working day split into "core" time, when employees must be at their job, and flexible time, when they can choose the time of arrival and departure.

The flexibility can be within each working day, week, or month, according to requirements. The employee works an agreed number of hours each day, week or month, with credits and debits being carried forward. The Flextime recording machine, activated by a plastic card, logs hours worked.

Mr Powell sees merit in import tariffs

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Enoch Powell, Ulster Unionist MP for Down, South, yesterday seemed to abandon his oft-declared reliance on floating exchange rates as the best means of controlling the flow of world trade and bringing discipline to the British economy.

Pinning his arguments on the present negotiations with the Japanese aimed at limiting their exports to the United Kingdom, he gave encouragement to left-wing members of the Labour Party who have demanded for several years that the Government must use import controls to safeguard employment.

Mr Powell, speaking at Basingstoke, said it was reported that the British were going "cap in hand" to the Japanese to beg them "to protect us from some of the more extreme consequences of our own inefficiency". The true humiliation, he said, was in our own fevered imagination, but it was none the less agonizing and damaging for being a form of self-punishment.

Mr Powell questioned why we should go on doing that. In the past we had been able to bid the world defiance from our seagirt islands, trading at will, but free from harm.

So, today, the liquid bulwark of the floating pound affords us automatic protection against even the most horribly efficient of our neighbours. Their efforts can only enrich us if we will leave things alone and not interfere.

But if the politicians find the latent Luddism which is everywhere present too strong to defy, then at least it will be better for our ego, though not devoid of economic disadvantage, to slap a protective tariff on this or that class of beastly foreign articles, so that we can enjoy our own dearer and inferior products undisturbed.

Do not get me wrong. I am not recommending such a course, but to invert the famous words of a City gent 20 years ago—"It does not make sense, but it's patriotic". Far better, anyhow, than begging the Japanese to keep their goods at home.

But, having appeared to align himself with the protectionists, Mr Powell added his main criticism of the present British position. "We do not have a trading policy of our own . . . and are not allowed by the EEC to do any such thing off our own bat", he said.

"So all I can do is to send a copy of this speech, with my compliments, to our lord and master, Commissioner Haferkamp [Herr Wilhelm Haferkamp, EEC Commissioner for External Relations], who will not understand a word of it."

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William Kirby, worked for Mr ad copies made of the office and to the raiders. e Roskill said Mr Betser was the wholly innocent victim of a miscarriage of justice. He added: "This is a most unhappy story and one can only express the deep sympathy of the court for what has befallen him. Once the truth emerged, all that could be done to lessen the dire consequences for Mr Betser was done."

The judge, sitting with Mr Justice Swanwick and Mr Justice Michael Davies, ordered that Mr Betser should recover his costs of the trial and appeal proceedings out of public funds.

Mr David Spencer, Crown counsel, who did not oppose the appeal, said: "He is totally innocent".

Mr Denis Cheatle, counsel for Mr Betser, told the court that the finger of suspicion naturally pointed to Mr Betser as the man who had staged the "pretend burglary" in October, 1976. His assistant, Mrs Patricia Torode, was cleared in the trial of theft and false accounting charges, but Mr Betser was convicted of the theft by a 10-2 majority verdict.

Judge backs Acas delay in considering union claim

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) was entitled to defer consideration of a union's recognition claim pending the outcome of a court action brought by the union against the TUC, Mr Justice Oliver ruled in the High Court yesterday.

The judge said that Acas had a discretion as to the way it carried out its statutory duties, and no time limit was imposed on it.

He dismissed, with costs, a claim by the Engineers' and Managers' Association for orders that Acas should proceed with investigation of the association's claim for the right to bargain on behalf of certain senior engineering staff at a GEC plant at Whetstone, Leicestershire.

Acas had decided to defer any investigation because of EMA's pending court case, in which it was challenging the validity of a TUC disputes committee ruling that EMA had no right to recruit at Whetstone. The matter had been referred to the TUC by Tass, the staff section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

The judge said that it was open to Acas to defer taking any steps in the fulfilment of its statutory duties if it thought it desirable to do so to enable it properly and usefully to fulfil those duties.

European ministers oppose apartheid in sport

European sports ministers took a firm stand against apartheid in sport at their conference which ended in London yesterday. Mr Denis Howell, Britain's minister responsible for sport, said that their opposition was the most far-reaching yet, going further than the Gleneagles agreement at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' conference last year.

"That agreement dealt only with opposition to South Africa", he said. "The resolution we have passed here today goes further and opposes apartheid and discrimination of any sort, covering the whole of international sport."

The 22 ministers at the conference deplored the intrusion of politics in international sport but, without naming South Africa, said that some countries' sports policies rendered them ineligible to take part in international sports events.

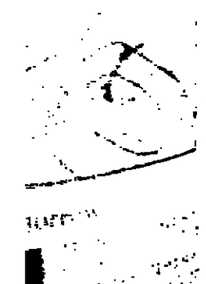
Mr Howell said at a press conference that the Government would strongly oppose the planned South African Rugby Union tour of Britain in 1980.

But he added: "Britain is a free society, and we cannot prevent our citizens from moving around the world. In the same way, if they invite people over here they must accept the responsibility for the people who are invited.

"But we will advise the rugby authorities against it. We are strongly opposed to it and will not provide any sort of government resources."

Mr Howell also called for international sports bodies to pay more attention to recommendations at preventing violence in international sport, particularly football. The conference decided to set up four working parties to examine violence and establish a central "clearing house" to exchange ideas and information.

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Churchill desire for burial shown in will

By a Staff Reporter

The suggestion that Sir Winston Churchill was buried at Bladon, Oxfordshire, in disregard of an expressed wish to be cremated is refuted by an examination of his last will, made in 1961.

Sir Winston's funeral wishes are discussed in the Cremation Society's publication *Pharos*, where it is pointed out that he joined the society, with his wife, Lady Spencer-Churchill, during the last war and remained an associate member up to the time of his death in 1965.

However, Lady Soames, Sir Winston's youngest daughter, said yesterday that his final will, in October, 1961, expressed the categorical wish to be buried in the churchyard at Bladon, outside the walls of Blenheim Palace, the Churchills' ancestral home.

Sir Winston apparently changed his mind about his funeral arrangements during a visit to Blenheim in the late 1950s. In a will of 1955 he expressed the wish to be cremated and for his ashes to be deposited at Chartwell. However, in a later will in 1959, repeated in 1961, he revoked that and said he wished to be buried at Bladon.

Victoria's underwear sold

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Some of Queen Victoria's underclothes were offered for sale by Bonham's yesterday. A pair of knee-length drawers, of fine linen with three rows of pin-tucks around the bottom of each voluminous leg, and a linen chemise, the short sleeves edged with lace, made £135 (estimate £125 to £175) to Gaughin from America. Both are embroidered with the royal cypher.

The same buyer spent £50 on a lawn handkerchief embroidered with the royal monogram and a black muff trimmed with ostrich feathers believed to have belonged to Queen Victoria but not bearing the royal cypher.

Granny's Attic, a Suffolk dealer, paid £110 (estimate £40 to £70) for two pairs of stockings. One pair is black silk and the other pale pink but each stocking bears the royal cypher. A white huckaback hand towel with the initials "VRI" and the date 1899 finely embroidered in red in one corner made £20 (estimate £10 to £15).

This is the fourth occasion on which Bonham's have had Queen Victoria's intimate garments for sale from an unnamed source.

CONTRACTS AND TENDERS

MINISTERE DE LA SANTE PUBLIQUE

PHARMACIE CENTRALE ALGERIENNE

INTERNATIONAL TENDER

An International tender was started for the providing of Stocking and Handling Equipments of the two Distribution Centres of Pharmaceutical Products.
The tenderers are invited to present a tender for the two following batches:

1—Batch: Handling Equipment
2—Batch: Stocking Equipment

The conditions of contract register must be withdrawn before April the 30th 1978 at:
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The tenders, according to the usual way must reach by mail-way under sealed note, the external envelope endorsing the mention: "Ne pas ouvrir—Appel d'Offres —Equipement de deux Centres de Distribution"; at the Direction Générale de la Pharmacie Centrale Algérienne, 2 Rue BICHAT—ALGER, before June the 30th 1978, the post-mark attesting.

MINISTRY OF HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING LAND DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

DIRECTORATE OF HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING

INTERNATIONAL INVITATION TO TENDER

International tenders are invited for the design and installation of an offtake of water from the Ghrib reservoir and a treatment plant coupled with a pumping station with a view to supplying drinking water to the town of Médéa and Berrouaghia.

Interested companies may obtain the tender documents from: Direction des Projets et des Réalisations Hydrauliques "Sous Direction de l'Utilisation des Resources Hydrauliques", BIRMANDREIS, Algiers (B. P. No. 34).

Tenders with the usual enclosures should reach Monsieur le Directeur des Projets et des Réalisations Hydrauliques, at the above address, by 4th May, 1978 at 12 noon, this being the final date.

Bidders will be bound by their tenders for 90 days.

COMPANY MEETING NOTICES

The Norwich Union Life Insurance Society

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of this Society will be held at the Society's Offices, Surrey Street, Norwich, on Tuesday, 9th May, 1978 at 11.30 a.m. for the transaction of the following business:—

To receive and consider the Reports of the Directors and Auditors and the Accounts for 1977.

To elect Directors in the place of those retiring.

To appoint Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.

Dated this 7th day of April 1978.

By order of the Board
H. H. SCURFIELD, *Secretary*
Surrey Street, Norwich.

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s 27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified; after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
CLAYTON, SOL, of 85a Chiltern Court, Baker Street, London, N.W.1, died on 9th March, 1977. Particulars to Tarlo, Lyons & Kuhn, Solicitors of 92-94 High Holborn, London WC1V 6RU before 9th June 1978.
COHEN, Mrs. RITA, MBE, of 2 Harrowby Street, London W.1, died on 26th June, 1976. Particulars to Barnett Jaunor, Davis & Janner, Solicitors of Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London WC1B 4LP before 9th June, 1978.
LEAVES, ROSE EMILY, Farm House, Flimwell, Sussex, died on 19th February 1978, particulars to Adams & Remers, Solicitors, 213 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex before 9th June 1978.
McCOLLOM, HAROLD CHAFFEE Jnr. of 3 Buckingham Court, Kensington Park Road, London W11 married woman, died 30th July 1976, particulars to Victor J. Lynch, 8 Row Street, London WC2 before 1st July 1978.

No. 00353 of 1978
In the HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr Registrar Boarbergh in the Matter of BCA Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 16th March, 1978 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) the sanctioning of a Scheme of Arrangement and (b) the confirmation of the reduction of the Capital of the above named Company from £1,638,167.40 to £791,389.20 in accordance with the terms of the said Scheme of Arrangement.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Oliver at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2, on Monday the 17th day of April 1978.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A COPY OF THE SAID Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 6th day of April 1978.
HERBERT SMITH & CO. of 65 London Wall, London, EC2 Solicitors for the above named Company.

No. 00676 of 1978
In The HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division in the matter of YORKGREEN INVESTMENTS Limited and in the matter of the Companies Act, 1948.
Notice is hereby given that a PETITION was on the 27th February 1978 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of (a) the cancellation of £450,000 of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company of £663,840 and (b) the reduction of the Capital of the said Company from £1,000,000 to £550,000.
And Notice is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Oliver at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Monday the 17th day of April 1978.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of Share Premium Account and of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 7th day of April, 1978.
RIGHARD, BULLER & CO., 5/17 Clifton Street, London EC2A 4DQ. Solicitors for the said Company.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. NOTICE OF INTENDED DISTRIBUTION OF ESTATE. Any person having any claim upon the estate of KATHLEEN VERONICA GODBOLD late of Eastham, London, Widow, who died on 19th October, 1972 must send particulars of his claim to the Public Trustee at the address appearing below on or before the expiration of a period of two (2) calendar months from the date of publication hereof. The Public Trustee will distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims of which at that date he has notice.
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WEST EUROPE

Industrialist in Genoa shot down by two Red Brigades gunmen

From Our Own Correspondent
Rome, April 7

The Red Brigades terrorist organization has claimed responsibility for the shooting and wounding today of Signor Felice Schiavetti, a Genoa industrialist. He was shot by two masked men as he left home for work this morning.

Signor Schiavetti, aged 50, an industrial designer and financier who is president of the Genoa industrialists' association, was left lying in a pool of blood after the men fired four bullets into his legs and one into his right hand, the police said.

"I did not see the gunmen. I just heard two shots and felt a terrible pain in my legs", Signor Schiavetti said in hospital, where he was in satisfactory condition.

"We all have to stay calm. We must continue to do our duty. it is the only way to beat them."

He was the sixth person shot in the legs by the Red Brigades in Genoa in the past nine months, and the terrorists' second victim since they kidnapped Signor Aldo Moro, the president of the Christian Democratic Party, and killed his five guards in Rome on March 16. They shot and wounded Signor Giovanni Picco, a former Christian Democrat mayor of Turin, two weeks ago.

"This is the Red Brigades", an anonymous caller told news media within minutes of this morning's shooting. "We have shot Schiavetti. A communiqué will follow."

Any idea of a negotiation with the captors of Signor Moro was again rejected last night by Signor Benigno Zaccagnini, the Christian Democratic Party secretary, who with the leaders of the Communist and Socialist parties said on television last night that the authorities must remain firm.

But the Moro family is not so convinced of this approach.

Signora Eleonora Moro has sent a letter to the Milan newspaper *Il Giorno*, for which her husband wrote occasionally. The letter, published today, said: "We unfortunately, have no sign which strengthens our hope for his return. But we want him to know that we are close to him, that we live with him, moment for moment, the hours of these long days, that we pray with him, that, notwithstanding everthing, we have confidence in men. We believe that it could still be possible, after so much suffering to embrace him again."

Leader of Canaries separatists stabbed

Algiers, April 7.—The leader of the small Canary Islands separatist movement, Señor Antonio Cubillo, aged 48, has been stabbed and seriously wounded in an attack at his Algiers home, a spokesman for his group said today.

The attack on Señor Cubillo, general secretary of the Movement for self-determination and independence of the Canary archipelago (MPAIAC), occurred on Wednesday night. He has been unconscious ever since. The spokesman blamed the Spanish Government for the attack.

Señor Cubillo's group is demanding independence from Spain for the Canary Islands, which form two Spanish provinces and have belonged to Madrid since 1494.

Señor Cubillo, a lawyer born in Tenerife, has lived in Algiers since 1963 and for years waged his independence struggle via Algerian radio on a special nightly "Free Canaries" broadcast. In recent months the Algerian Government has halted his broadcasts.

Señor Cubillo's supporters in the islands have been waging a bomb campaign that has caused limited damage and killed a policeman who was trying to defuse an MPAIAC bomb. —UPI.

William Chislett writes from Madrid: Señor Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, is to visit the Canary Islands later this month for the first time since taking office. This was learnt today at the same time as reports reached Madrid of the attack on Señor Cubillo.

The national news agency EFE quoted a spokesman for the MPAIAC as saying that their struggle would continue. Proof of this was the fact that the organization had planted a bomb in the police headquarters in Las Palmas soon after Señor Cubillo was injured.

The bomb destroyed part of the offices but no one was injured. It was reported today that police have arrested five people over the explosion, including two alleged members of the MPAIAC.

The islands have serious social problems and the Organization of African Unity (OAU) recently claimed them as part of Africa. The OAU's proposal, put forward by Señor Cubillo, will be debated when the heads of state of the OAU meet in Khartum in July.

Bundesrat turns down 'soft' anti-terror Bill

Bonn, April 7.—The West German Bundesrat (Federal Council), today rejected an anti-terrorist Bill passed last February by the Bundestag (Parliament), on the ground that it was not tough enough.

The Bundesrat rejected the Bill because it does not include the Länder (provincial) governments' demand that conversations between persons charged with terrorism and their lawyers should be monitored.

The Bill, which was passed by only one vote in February, will now go back to the Bundestag, where it will need an absolute majority to become law.—Agence France-Presse.

Life jail demand in cancer trial

Ulm, April 7.—The prosecution today demanded a life sentence for Siegfried Ruopp, aged 49, a chemistry teacher accused of trying to kill his wife by putting cancer-inducing cells in her food.

She is still seriously ill 10 months after allegedly being given the cells. A verdict is expected on Monday.—Reuter.

Amoco Cadiz tug captain charged by French court

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 7

Herr Hartmunt Weinert, the captain of the West German tug, Pacific, that tried to take the Amoco Cadiz in tow when it was first in difficulties, has been charged by the examining magistrate over his involvement in the wreck.

The court at Rennes has ruled that he could be tried, like the tanker captain, for causing pollution. He might also be liable to answer for failing to assist people in danger.

The legal battle over who was to blame for the shipwreck threatens to be long and involved. Only when guilt is assigned will it be possible to say how much financial responsibility the different parties will have to bear for the cleaning up operation and for indemnifying the Breton population.

The change in the direction of the prevailing wind in the Channel over the past few days has been bringing the oil from the wreck back onshore, polluting several beaches that had been spared.

Meanwhile the Army is increasing its strength in Finistère to provide the necessary manpower for the cleaning up operation.

500 follow the funeral of a French tax victim

From Ian Murray
Paris, April 7

The shopkeepers of Chaumont-en-Bassigny pulled down their shutters yesterday and went to a funeral. More than 500 mourners, led by the widow and her two children, followed the coffin through the streets and to the cemetery.

The dead man was M Gilles Fenaux, who was 41, and helped his wife to run a small haberdasher's shop. For the past three months he had been increasingly worried and sleeping little; and early on Tuesday he went into his cellar and hanged himself.

A letter he left his wife said: "I can no longer bear the endless need to go on justifying myself. This pressure from the tax authorities is insupportable."

Shopkeepers in Chaumont as well as in Langres and Saint-Dizier, near by, shut their shops to rally round his widow.

Just before Christmas, M and Mme Fenaux were called to the tax inspector's office to discuss their case. Mme Fenaux, wishing to spare him worry, went alone for both of them. A month later they were again called to the tax office and both went with their account.

Mme Fenaux said they had been thoroughly grilled. "In their eyes we were swindlers. They did not try to understand us. They did not even listen when we tried to explain things to them. My husband has died of it."

There seems little doubt that the shop's bookkeeping left a great deal to be desired by modern standards. M Fenaux had a thorough knowledge of his stock and his customers, but he never seemed to have mastered the intricacies of filling out value added tax and other tax forms. The couple were assessed to pay 100,000 francs (£11,000) for the years 1973-76.

According to the tax authorities, there were further stages of appeal he could have gone through and payment would not have been necessary for a considerable period even if he had lost all the appeals.

M Fenaux's past experiences with the taxmen, however, had not been happy ones. In January, 1976, his wife's bank account was frozen by the authorities because she owed the state 40 centimes (5p).

Basle: A Swiss man pulled out a gun in court and shot himself dead during a hearing about his tax returns.

They said the man, who was in his fifties, produced the revolver from a pocket suddenly after defending himself before judges investigating alleged tax offences

OVERSEAS

Palestinian guerrillas open fire on United Nations troops and start three-hour gun duel

Beirut, April 7.—Palestinian guerrillas today opened fire on United Nations troops in south Lebanon, sparking a three-hour gun duel and the first important fighting involving the peace-keeping force.

Guerrilla sources on the scene and United Nations sources in Beirut said that guerrilla positions unleased artillery fire on the Norwegian troops near the south-east town of Kaukaba about 10 am.

United Nations sources said that the original firing had come from the twelfth-century Crusader castle at Beaufort, a Palestinian-controlled position about seven miles south-west of the Norwegians. Several hundred Iraqi "volunteers" backing the Palestinians have also been sighted in the Beaufort area.

United Nations sources said that heavy fighting broke out for about an hour and that a Norwegian soldier wah killed by shrapnel. The Norwegians responded to the guerrilla fire with light and medium machine-gun barrages.

General Emmanuel Erskine of Ghana, commander of the United Nations force in the south, rushed from Israel to the scene and the firing tapered off with his arrival around 1 pm.

A United Nations spokesman said tonight the Norwegians came under intermittent small arms fire again today from Palestinian positions north of the Litani. They did not fire back.

The Palestine Liberation Organization has meanwhile asked Israel to release five Palestinian prisoners in exchange for the return of the bodies of five Israelis killed in southern Lebanon on Wednesday.

In the south-west port of Tyre, United Nations sources said "an armed element" tried to approach the headquarters of French troops despite a warning yesterday to local Palestinian officials that this would not be tolerated.

The sources said the French fired and slightly injured the gunman.

Shortly after the south-east firing began, United Nations officials in Beirut began contacts with Palestinian officials —UPI and Reuter.

David Watts writes from Ras el-Ain, southern Lebanon: The United Nations Forces dispatched French paratroops to the Israeli front in southern Lebanon yesterday afternoon after the Israelis threatened to cross the ceasefire line in force to search for the killers of their soldiers.

The personal intervention of Colonel Jean-Germain Salvan, a one-eyed veteran of France's war in Algeria, and his men, and a unit of United Nations engineers cooled a situation exacerbated by fighting between two units of the Palestine Liberation Organization who began shooting at each other apparently in a dispute over who had "won the victory" over the Israelis.

According to the United Nations, six or seven Palestinians were killed in a shoot-out between members of the Fatah group and the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: The Israel military command here claimed today that it had uncovered evidence in southern Lebanon that the Palestinian guerrillas had made the area a centre for international terrorism.

In a preliminary summary of "Operation Litani", published on the eve of the Israel retirement from captured territory, the command said documents and photographs found in Abassiya Village showed that Japanese, North Koreans, Pakistanis, various Europeans and others had trained in various terrorist bases

The Israelis on Tuesday and Friday are due to vacate nearly half the area captured in the operation. They will withdraw on the eastern flank to a line between four and a half and six miles from the Israel frontier and in the central sector to six miles from the border. This leaves them roughly with the security belt they had planned when they first burst into Lebanon on March 14.

The withdrawal timetable does not cover the western flank.

New York: Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, is not satisfied with Israel's plans for a partial withdrawal from Lebanon, a United Nations spokesman said today.



Kris Aquino, aged six, daughter of the imprisoned opposition candidate Benigno Aquino, speaks at a Manila rally in the closing phase of the Philippines election campaign.

Early lead by Marcos candidates

From Peter Hazelhurst
Manila, April 7

Clouded by charges of fraud, the first Philippines election under martial law ended tonight with early trends indicating that President Ferdinand Marcos's New Society Movement would capture the bulk of the 165 elected seats in the country's newly established interim National Assembly.

In the conservative rural areas, most of the regime's candidates were returned unopposed. Reports from less than 10 per cent of the polling stations in Manila, the only city with a full list of opposition candidates, indicated that all 21 members of the Marcos grouping would win. The official results are to be announced during the weekend.

The trend meant that President Marcos's wife, Imelda, seemed to be emerging as the leading candidate in Manila, where she was running against Mr Benigno Aquino, a former senator and the regime's main political opponent. Mr Aquino had contested the election from his prison cell.

However, the main opposition party, the "Laban" (People's Power), of which Mr Aquino was the leading candidate, said earlier today that the regime had resorted to extraordinary means to rig the election in favour of Mrs Marcos and the New Society Movement.

Leaders of the opposition alleged that their observers were prevented from entering polling booths early this morning to inspect empty ballot boxes before voting commenced, that their observers watched officials stuffing marked ballot papers into boxes shortly before polling booths were opened and that Laban workers were manhandled and arrested by police when they complained about malpractices.

An independent inspection by *The Times* indicated that up to 25 per cent of the opposition's official observers were missing at polling booths this afternoon.

Later tonight the police raided the home of an important opposition candidate, Miss Charito Planas. They refused to disclose why they had been ordered to raid the house.

In Manila tonight President Marcos accused the opposition of "utilizing the free atmosphere at the polls to wreck the election" and threatened to have elements in the opposition arrested if they "persist in terrorist acts".

In the only real act of violence today, Muslim rebels in the southern island of Mindanao ambushed and killed four voters

Brezhnev attack on US over arms talks

Moscow, April 7.—Pre Brezhnev of the Soviet U in an important policy s accused the Americans of deliberately holding up deal on limiting nuclear through indecision and sistency.

His speech, made fro deck of a warship off vostok, coincided with Wa ton reports that Pre Carter had decided to making the neutron bon not quite to abandon it.

Mr Brezhnev reiterate cism of the neutron bo an offensive weapon lik increase the risk of a war.

He expressed concern the Carter Administratio being influenced by de pressure to seek more concessions in Strategic Limitation Talks (Salt).

The United States a Soviet Union concluded Vladivostok summit in D ber 1974 that a new Salt ment should be complet following year.

"Almost three and years have passed sinc time and the agreeme not yet been signed Brezhnev said.

"The sides are cam finding a solution to wha seem to be the most c problems and the doc that are being prepare are largely agreed, un thrashed out.

"The matter is th United States Gove shows indecision and i tency and looks back circles which were agai agreement from the y ginning and which are everything they can to it and free their hands uncontrolled nuclear arms race."

Mr Brezhnev appeare walked slowly and see speak with difficulty a arrival on board the Admiral Semiavine was on television.

Washington: Mr Cyrus the American Secret State, will visit Mos April 20 and 21 for a arms limitation talks, announced here today.—UPI and Agence France

Anglo-Am test delayed

Pahute Mesa, Nevad 7.—A joint Angl underground nuclea postponed at least day by adverse weathe tions today at the test s

Scientists will be weather reports to see the test, which is re nuclear weapons, will be delayed again.—UP

Dr Owen is accused by Cubans of 'arrogance'

Havana, April 7.—Cuba today rejected the criticism by Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, of Cuban involvement in Africa, accusing him of "singular arrogance".

A statement attacked Dr Owen's speech on Wednesday in which he spoke of serious consequences if Cuban troops became involved in Rhodesia and South-West Africa (Namibia). Dr Owen also called on the United Nations to speak out against Soviet and Cuban efforts to suppress secessionist guerrillas in the Ethiopian province of Eritrea.

The statement said: "Dr Owen seems to forget he is the representative of a colonial power which for centuries was considered the example of the oppression and maltreatment of African peoples."

Washington: In a written reply to press questions, the State Department said today: "The imposition of a military solution (in Eritrea) through the use of foreign forces would only increase the bloodshed and suffering, would not be durable and would not contribute to a reduction in regional tensions.

"Unfortunately we have information that the number of Cuban military personnel in Eritrea is increasing and there is evidence that they have engaged in combat."

Rome: Eritrean secessionists said today that they believed Ethiopia, supported by Russia and Cuba, was about to launch a three-pronged attack in an attempt to regain full control of Eritrea.

Mr Ermias Debesai, a spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, said here that Ethiopia was "dreaming" if it believed that the attack would succeed. "The masses are with us."

Mr Ermias said that the attacks from inland, from the sea and from Asmara could come at any time.—Reuter.

Our Nairobi Correspondent writes: Mogadishu radio today reported that Mr Abdirahman Jama Barre, the Somali Foreign Minister had left for Lagos with a delegation to attend a special meeting of the Organization of African Unity mediation committee.

There was no announcement from Addis Ababa, however, of any departure of an Ethiopian delegation.

The committee met in Libreville, Gabon, in September but the Somali delegation walked out after unsuccessfully demanding the admission of pro-Somali liberation groups who were then fighting in the Ogaden.

Secret Rhodesia pact to end hangings

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, April 7

Rhodesia's ruling Executive Council has privately decided to end executions of people sentenced to death for "political" or "terrorist" offences, according to informed sources. There have been no executions since the Executive Council was formed on March 21.

It is unclear whether there will be a formal announcement.

Under existing law, all condemned persons have the right to appeal for clemency to the Executive Council, which previously comprised the President sitting with the Cabinet. That council has been replaced by the new four-man body comprising Mr Ian Smith, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

Bishop Muzorewa and Mr Sithole have publicly opposed the execution of political offenders, and are understood to have made it clear that they would uphold any appeal for clemency.

The decision to end hangings, and yesterday's announcement that political detainees will be released, will help to persuade local and international opinion that the Salisbury agreement is genuine.

For several years the question of executions has been shrouded in secrecy, with not even the names of the dead being announced. According to unofficial sources, between 70 and 80 people are believed to have been executed last year.

The first detainees are expected to be released early next week. Although nationalist sources insisted today that all 950 detainees would eventually be freed, subject to their undertaking not to participate in subversive activities, there was speculation that some hard-core supporters of the externally-based Patriotic Front might not be released, or at least not for several months.

Western envoys meet Mr Nkomo

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Joshua Nkomo, joint leader of the Patriotic Front, met British and American officials in Maputo yesterday to discuss Anglo-American proposals for a conference on Rhodesia. Mr Robert Mugabe, the Front's co-leader, had been expected but was not present. His representative attended instead.

The Anglo-American team was flying on to Salisbury last night by way of Johannesburg, for talks with Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, and the three African leaders who support the internal settlement.

Various contacts are being arranged over the weekend. The principal meeting will be one on Monday with these four men, who constitute the Rhodesian Executive Council.

After this, Mr John Graham, Deputy Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, and Mr Stephen Low, the American ambassador to Zambia, will be in a position to inform their governments whether a Rhodesia conference is acceptable to all the parties concerned. In the British view the Patriotic Front leaders must agree to a full conference.

Black MP killed: Mr Simon Chengeta, a black Rhodesian MP, has been killed by guerrillas who forced his son to beat him to death with a hoe, according to a security force spokesman in Salisbury.—UPI.

Temptation for the military in a wonder weapon

Neutron bomb could detonate a nuclear wa

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The neutron bomb, as developed by the United States, is a tactical nuclear weapon. Like the 7,000 tactical nuclear weapons already deployed by Nato in Central Europe, it would be used only if the Warsaw Pact attacked in such strength that the Allies could not stop the invasion by conventional means.

There is however a significant difference between the neutron bomb and other battlefield nuclear weapons. It is not really a "bomb" at all. If the Americans ever produced it, the Allies would use it as a warhead for the Lance missile which has a range of more than 70 miles, or as an artillery shell with a range of perhaps 10 miles or more.

Unlike other short-range nuclear missiles or artillery however, the neutron bomb works through the process of nuclear fusion rather than fission.

The neutron bomb releases most of its energy in the form of instant radiation, particularly neutrons, instead of doing so in the form of blast and heat like the fission weapons which Nato already has. This is why scientists like to call it the enhanced radiation weapon, politicians prefer the reduced blast weapon (because it sounds less anti-social) and journalists opt for the neutron bomb—which fits more easily into the single column headline in a newspaper.

One of the military advantages is that neutrons penetrate the thickest armour, while blast and heat is unlikely to affect those tanks which are not near the point of the explosion. The radiation leaves the tanks untouched but it kills or incapacitates the men inside.

The fission weapons which the West already has would also rely upon radiation effects for killing the more distant tanks. But to produce as much effective radiation as a neutron bomb, they have to be 10 times more powerful.

This means a much larger explosion and more radioactive fall-out which prevents anyone entering the area for a much longer time.

A neutron bomb of 10 kilotons (equal to 10,000 tons of conventional explosive) would be 90 per cent less damaging to nearby civilians and urban areas than a fission weapon of the same size and would produce much less fall-out. Moreover, it would be more effective, or so the neutron bomb lobby says.

Its opponents do not agree. They say that there are overwhelming objections which erode even those advantages which the military foresee.

They argue that while tank crews within, say, 500 a neutron bomb would be incapacitated five minutes, those away would be able on fighting for a wh more than 500 yards a one-kiloton neutron would not die until two days after the explos

Their main objection because the neutron less damaging to the ing area, and because less fall-out—because has the advantages whi tists have been boasti —the military would likely to use it.

The temptation woul the allies to reduce t ventional armaments upon this new wonder which has less of the d tages usually associat nuclear missiles. But it the military could turn detonate a nuclear conflict.

White House decision welcomed

From Michael Hornsby
Copenhagen, April 7

A spokesman for Mr Callaghan, who is attending the EEC summit here, said the Prime Minister had been consulted in advance by President Carter and was in full agreement with his decision to postpone production of the neutron bomb.

Mr Callaghan had played a part in helping President Carter to reach his decision, the spokesman said.

Herr Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, was reported to have been taken by surprise by the American decision. There was, however, no immediate comment from him or other EEC leaders and their foreign ministers, there.

But it is no secret that the decision will be welcomed by several member states, such as Holland, Belgium and Denmark, which have never concealed their doubts about the political wisdom or strategic value of deploying the neutron bomb in the central European theatre.

London: A statement supporting the President was issued by 10 Downing Street after the official announcement in Washington.

The Downing Street statement said Mr Callaghan had talks with President Carter on the issue during his Easter visit to Washington.

The statement referred to the neutron bomb by its more technical name "enhanced radiation warhead". It said: "The decision now taken, which involves a difficult judgment on political and military issues, rightly sets this matter in the context of arms control and the balance of forces on both sides.

"The Soviet Union have professed much concern about the enhanced radiation warhead. They should now respond to the President's decision by measures to moderate the threat which we see from the scale of their build-up of both nuclear and conventional armaments.

"We look forward to a successful conclusion to the talks on strategic arms limitation negotiations, to the achievement of a comprehensive test ban treaty, and to progress in the Vienna discussions about mutual and balanced force reductions.

"We also hope for progress in other matters which will be discussed during the special session on disarmament at the United Nations this summer where we have already tabled a forward-looking programme of action.

"As President Carter makes clear, subsequent decisions will obviously depend on this."

Brussels: The postponement of American production of the neutron bomb was for "several months at least", Dr Joseph Luns, Secretary-General of Nato, said.

After meeting the ambassadors of 14 Nato countries, Dr Luns told journalists that the allies "expressed understanding for the United States decision".

Bonn: West Germany gave a warning that the West must retain its "technical options" in East-West disarmament talks.

In a carefuly worded statement that neither welcomed nor regretted President Carter's decision, a Government spokesman said the Government "shares the conviction of the American President that the technological options of the West should continue to be preserved".

But Herr Franz-Josef Strauss, Chairman of the Christian Social Union and a former Defence Minister, said: "To my knowledge of American history since the Second World War, this is the first case where an American president has openly and recognizably cringed before a Russian Tsar."

The Hague: The Dutch Government said President Carter's decision "is in harmony with its desire to prevent possible deployment of the weapon by bringing it into the process of arms control".

It restated its view that a decision whether to produce the neutron weapon was "the exclusive responsibility of the United States Government".

Dutch opponents of the neutron bomb said they planned to press ahead with their campaign to stop its production altogether.

Paris: The French Government issued no formal statement but official sources pointed out that the new weapon would not have gone to France, on been deployed on French territory.

Moscow: Tass tonight reported President Carter's decision without comment. The report, datelined Washington, was three lines long.—Reuter, Agence France-Presse and AP.

Greeks incen by Carter move on Tur

From Mario Modiano
Athens, April 7

Greece reacted sharp to the American Gover move to end uncondition arms embargo against without waiting for posals on Cyprus prov Ankara.

Mr Constantine Kar the Greek Prime deplored the absence firm and consistent" States policy on Cypru

After an inner Cabin ing, he said: "The States Government is to regulate its relatio Turkey at its discretio ever, it cannot do so f that harms the inter Greece and of Cyprus."

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Above all Greek were incensed by the t President Carter's mov in a sense preempted pledge to submit concr posals for a solution on

New York: The Turki riot delegation at the Nations announced "f ing" proposals for a federal republic in Cyp plan is to be presente Waldheim, the Secret eral, next week.

Aachen: Mr Karamar been awarded this Charlemagne prize for ro European unity, announced.—Reuter.

Six saved from execution in South African trial

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, April 7

Six Africans, convicted under the Terrorism Act, were saved from the death sentence today after a judge said that although they had been trained in the Soviet Union to kill, when it came to the point they were unable to do so.

The six, all members of the banned African National Congress (ANC), were sentenced to a total of 73 years' imprisonment for conspiring to overthrow the Government by violent means.

Mosima Sexwale, aged 25, was jailed for 18 years, Aledi Tsiki, aged 22, for 14 years, Simon Mohlanyaneng, aged 24, for 10 years, Martin Ramokgadi, aged 64, for seven years, Jacob Seatholo for 12 years, and Lele Motoung for 12 years.

The prosecution had demanded the death sentence, but Mr Justice Myburgh said in the Pretoria Supreme Court that he would be committing a legal error if he imposed it. Although justice must be de

a sledgehammer, was its concomitant, he said.

Mr Sexwale, the judge said, had two injured policemen at his mercy after he had thrown a grenade into their vehicle. He could have killed them but did not. Mr Tsiki, who blew up a railway line, had not wanted to kill anybody. Nobody was injured. Mr Mohlanyaneng had tried to bring about change by violent means because he felt there was no other way.

The other three were convicted of having arms.

On Wednesday, Mr Justice Myburgh acquitted six other accused in the trial which began early last year and was restarted in January after the first trial judge died. They had been in detention for 16 months.

After delivering the sentences, he said: "This trial is now over." The six men in the dock raised clenched fists and shouted the black power war cry: "*Amandla*", meaning "power", as he walked out. Africans packing the public galleries took up the cry.

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Minister reluctant to discuss the grumbles and bewilderment of Russia's railway passengers

Slower trains become 'expresses'

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, April 7

One fine spring day last year all the holiday trains in Russia slowed down. An extra hour or so was added to the journey times of those going to the resorts in the south.

The train from Moscow to Yevpatoria in the Crimea now takes 22 hours 43 minutes instead of 21 hours 39 minutes. But it is now called an "express", and passengers have to pay more.

The same is true of the Moscow-Zaporozhia train, which, since it became an express last May, has taken 45 minutes longer, and the train to Krivoi Rog, which now takes an extra two hours.

Bewildered passengers were told the new timetable would avoid delays. But since last May timekeeping has become worse.

The only people in favour of the new scheme are the railway workers.

Literaturnaya Gazeta, inundated with letters of complaint, decided to investigate. It proved harder than the newspaper thought.

An official at the Ministry of Railways told the journalist who asked for the definition of an express train that he was interfering and referred him to the chief engineer. Again he received no proper reply, and was passed on to another section. Finally the persistent reporter bumped into the minister himself, who said he would be delighted to give an interview.

The questions were written out and sent to the ministry last September. This week the paper having checked that the letter had in fact been delivered, decided five months was long enough to wait, and published the interview without answers. It ran like this:

Question: If I am not mistaken, trains in our country carry 3,500 million people a year?
Answer: . . .

Q: Are readers right in saying that last summer the trains still did not run on time?
A: . . .

Q: Can you explain why passenger trains, without increasing their speed, suddenly became expresses?
A: . . .

And so the "interview" with Mr I. G. Pavlovsky, the Minister of Railways, continues. The questions became even more embarrassing. One ministry official had said an express was called an express not because it went faster but because it afforded greater comfort.

Apparently last year's timetable changes were accompanied by a cut in the number of trains, and it became difficult to buy a ticket. Soviet railways, however, are meant to be carrying a record number of passengers.

Passengers also complained that suburban electric trains were never on time. The excuse was always that the line was being repaired. But this had been the excuse for the past 10 years. "When will the repairs be finished?" *Literaturnaya Gazeta* asked.

Another commuter's complaint was that in the past the radio used to announce the late arrival of any train, giving people a valid excuse for being late to work. This has now stopped. Railway officials will write out a late certificate, but these are almost impossible to obtain without a fuss and delay. Why?

To all this the minister made no reply. Meanwhile, the paper pointed out, the holiday season was approaching. Thousands of holidaymakers, it forecast, would have their travel plans upset by the inexplicable timetabling.

It seems the Russians grumble as much about their railways (which are generally very good) as Britons do about theirs.

Hongkong dismisses 118 police officers

Hongkong, April 7.—The Hongkong authorities today dismissed 118 policemen in another attempt to eradicate corruption in the police force.

The junior Chinese officers, who had been suspended from duty during lengthy investigations were retired compulsorily under a little-used colonial regulation. The measure was taken after consultation with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in London.

The dismissals were coupled with a decision to press conspiracy charges against 24 other serving or retired officers.

These were the latest measures in the anti-corruption campaign waged by Sir Murray MacLehose the governor, which brought the police force close to mutiny at one stage last year.

The Hongkong Attorney-General does not intend to press charges against the 118, who will still receive their pensions. Government sources said this was "erring on the side of generosity."

The moves were clearly motivated by the Government's desire to clear up cases that could have lingered on for years. The 118 officers were described by the sources as "a highly disturbing factor in the force."

The Hongkong police were in uproar last year over graft investigations by the Independent Commission Against Corruption which unearthed corruption syndicates in almost every police division.

Sir Murray announced a partial amnesty for many officers suspected of corruption offences committed before 1977. The sources said that corruption was "enormously reduced" in the force.—Reuter.



Mrs Lyudmila Agapova: She waited in vain four times to escape from the Soviet Union.

Soviet wife tells how escape failed

Moscow, April 7.—The wife of a Soviet defector today described how a secret plan to fly her daughter, her mother-in-law and herself out of the Soviet Union was foiled by chance and the weather.

Mrs Lyudmila Agapova, aged 39, told Western correspondents in Moscow that she waited in vain four times for a light plane that was to fly across the Soviet-Finnish border illegally and take the family to the West.

At the last rendezvous attempt six days ago, she, her daughter Liliya, aged 14, and her 68-year-old mother-in-law arrived two hours late at the landing site on a frozen lake 15 miles from the frontier.

"It was the end of the school holidays, and it was almost impossible to get train tickets", she explained.

"When we got there, we found that the ice had broken away from the banks, leaving five to seven metres (16 to 23 feet) of water. We just could not have got on the plane."

Mrs Agapova, who seemed tired and resigned, said she did not know what would happen now. "I am not counting on the benevolence of the Soviet authorities", she said.

Two days ago she was visited by a Major Zubrikov of the KGB who warned her that she could face prosecution for not having a job. He said nothing about her attempts to leave the country.

Mrs Agapova's husband, Valentin, who deserted from a ship in Stockholm nearly four years ago, said yesterday that on two attempts the weather was too bad to fly. The third was foiled by engine trouble.

Last Saturday Mr Karl Goeran Wickenberg, a Swedish pilot, set his light sports aircraft down on the ice as planned, he said. He was arrested in Finland after flying back.

Under Soviet law, attempts to flee abroad are treated as treason.

Mrs Agapova, who lives at Kaliningrad, near Moscow, read a statement accusing the Soviet authorities of violating European Security Conference pledges on reuniting families.

"I think Mr Wickenberg is a fearless and noble man", she said. "I send him my sincerest thanks."—Reuter.

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Argentine guerrillas plan truce during World Cup

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, April 7

The Montonero guerrillas have proposed a truce in Argentina during the World Cup, according to one of their leaders, Señor Rodolfo Galimberti. In an interview published today in *L'Express*, he promises that the Montoneros will not endanger the players or the journalists and that there will be no armed fighting while the matches are played.

Señor Galimberti says that a permanent truce has also been proposed to General Jorge Rafael Videla, but that if it is not accepted then the Montoneros intend to resume their "liberty of action" after the World Cup.

He calls on journalists not to boycott the Cup. They would be watched by 8,000 policemen and in their hotels three-quarters of the staff would be replaced by informers.

Señor Galimberti says that to overthrow the Government a political victory is also necessary and that mass demonstrations may coincide with the World Cup matches.

Buenos Aires: More than three-quarters of a million tickets for the World Cup matches will go on sale in Argentina on Saturday, the state organizing committee said here. —Reuter.

ter loses over one tapping

on, April 7.—A strict court judge lismissed a civil suit Hedrick Smith, the Washington bureau *w York Times*, had gainst Mr Richard former President. ch was diplomatic ent when a wiretap on his telephone moved after 89 days. ed the court to rule urveillance was ille- ought an injunction nilar further taps. g the case, Judge said that there had ood-faith basis for the wiretap.—New s News Service.

n car crash damages cut to £3m

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wyers have 30 days to respond to Mr imshaw's acceptance sday of a Superior e's reduced award. cides not to appeal, Mr Grimshaw, who is 18, will receive the reduced damages.

A jury decided on February 6 to award Mr Grimshaw $125m in punitive damages and $2,840,000 in actual damages in the May, 1972, crash that killed the car's driver and burnt him so severely that he lost his nose, his left ear and four fingers and required 52 operations.

The Superior Court judge had ordered the punitive damages to be reduced to $3,500,000, ruling that the ratio of punitive to actual damages was excessive.

The driver's relatives were awarded $665,000 actual damages.

Mr Grimshaw was sprayed with petrol, which ignited after leaking from the ruptured fuel tank of the Pinto. His lawyers blamed the fire on a faulty weld at the petrol tank, and contended that Ford had sold the Pintos in spite of knowledge that the tanks would rupture even in a minor rear-end collision.—AP.

murder revives issue of trial by newspaper

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es, April 7
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began within hours st. Mobile television set up outside the lats in Los Angeles e lives. Reporters neighbours, friends and even the local postman about Mr Jones, who was described by one excited journalist as "the mysterious strangler suspect".

Daily newspapers followed with hastily compiled profiles of Mr Jones, accompanied by photographs, while giving plenty of space to an informant's story that he had accompanied Mr Jones on the murder expeditions. This informer, a convicted robber in Boston, is still in custody.

Most reports about Mr Jones painted a picture of a quiet man. One television reporter noted breathlessly: "He did not have many close friends but we learn he called his mother in Boston to wish her happy Easter."

In several press conferences, widely televised and reported, police proclaimed triumphantly that they had the killer. Now it appears there was not enough evidence even to bring charges, and the police have admitted that before Mr Jones's arrest they had followed him for a month, but his behaviour was exemplary.

His experience strengthens the contention of a minority school of thought here that the United States should adopt the British system of not reporting anything about a suspect's background before his trial.

American journalists cite the Bill of Rights. Some, however, concede that somewhere between the British and American systems lies a middle raod.

Such arguments cannot be expected to mean much to Mr Jones, who may well sue the Los Angeles Police Department or the Boston Police Department, which gave the Californians the information leading to his arrest.

The Los Angeles police force, whose own publicity machine likes to claim it is the best law enforcement body in America, has blundered badly. This is the second time its officers have made an arrest, proclaimed they had the strangler and then had to admit their error.

It has been a bitter-sweet week for Mr Daryl Gates, who last week defeated 50 contenders for the office of Los Angeles police chief. Within days of taking office he had announced Mr Jones's arrest.

Now Mr Gates has been left with egg on his face. The Strangler Police Task Force appears to be back to square one, and Mr Jones is left trying to pick up the pieces of his life.

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Golf

A 66 even Funseth cannot belittle

Augusta, Georgia, April 7.—Not even Rod Funseth, always the first one to say something deprecating about himself, could find much to criticize in his game today when he had a six-under-par 66 to lead the early second round finishers in the Masters tournament. Taking a different tone, he even referred to birdie putts of 50 and 40 feet as tap ins.

The 66, accomplished with four birdies on the back nine, was only one shot off the tournament record for a second round shared by Cary Middlecoff (1955) and Frank Beard (1968). Funseth had a 36-hole total of five-under 139, leaving him one stroke in front of Hale Irwin, who has finished in the top five at Augusta on four occasions, and Gene Littler, who lost in a play-off to Billy Casper in the 1970 Masters, among the early finishers. Irwin had a second round 67 and Littler had 68.

Still struggling was five-time Masters champion Jack Nicklaus. Following an even par 72 in the opening round, Nicklaus went two over par six on the fifth hole and was two over par for the round after 12 holes.

But Arnold Palmer, four times the Masters champion, made an early charge with a fine 69 for a 142 total, leaving him only three shots behind Funseth. The defending champion Tom Watson recovered somewhat on another hot day as he made the turn in two under 34.

Two more old-timers, Miller Barber with a 67 and Don January with a 70, joined Palmer at 142 along with Joe Inman among the early finishers, and at 144 were Mac McLendon (72), Lanny Wadkins (70), Jerry McGee (73) and Peter Oosterhuis (70).

Peter McEvoy had a 75 today and fell back four strokes. But yesterday he played with calm assurance and kept his name on the leader boards for 15 holes. Whatever else the British Amateur champion does this week, his putt on the 18th should provide him with a lasting memory. He was playing alongside the British Open and Masters champion, Tom Watson, which is nerve-racking at the best of times but over the hilly picturesque Augusta National course McEvoy controlled his nerves sufficiently well to walk off the 18th hole with a one-over-par score of 73—the same as Watson.

Asked if he was nervous at playing with Watson, McEvoy, a 25-year-old law student, replied: "Of course. You're stepping out of your world, playing with these fellows."

He had been hampered by playing little golf during the winter, as he had to study for his law exams which he took in February, and he is still waiting for the results. Then he was transplanted from a chilly English winter to an area of the American South enjoying a hotter, drier spell unusual by even its standards, with temperatures reaching 90 (lower 30s C).

McEvoy had problems adjusting, and on the second day of practice was wondering if he should have made the trip at all. But he showed little sign of it yesterday. The Englishman, resembling Watson with his sturdy build and rust-coloured hair but sporting a moustache, made the better start on a windy, partly cloudy day that was still very warm. He parred the first hole while Watson could do no better than go one over, and played par golf through the first three holes. Then came the test that decided his round. McEvoy went one over on the short fourth and the fifth, but his nerve held as he had a birdie at the next, a par three, and ran off three more pars for a 37.

On the inward nine McEvoy played par golf until the 420-yard 14th, where he dropped a shot. But he ran off another string of pars and climaxed his round with a birdie three at the 18th. "My game was mixed", he said afterwards. "I hit some quite good woods, a few good irons. But there were two or three occasions when the ball didn't go where I wanted. I hit fades where I wanted to hit draws. I didn't get into trouble, but I was left with very long approaches." McEvoy said he found problems in reading the undulating greens. "The slopes are so extreme", he remarked. But, after his experience in playing on exposed British courses, he had little trouble with the blustery wind. "It's not bad. This is calm", he joked. Does he feel capable of improving on his 73. McEvoy feels he can. "I can play better than this", he declared.

A strong swirling wind fanned through the pines and swept across the fairways. When the wind blows here the placement of each shot becomes doubly important, and although many players were finding the greens with their second shots they were leaving themselves many yards from the flags, which were placed in their usual tortuous positions.

Whatever the examination paper, there is usually one student whose revision provides him with most of the answers. In this case it was John Schlee, hardly a household name, but a man who won the 1973 Hawaiian Open, and in the same year had the United States Open snatched from him by John Miller's incredible 63. Since then, however, a series of ailments has forced him to curtail his play. In 1974 he developed lower back trouble, which resulted in an operation in 1975.

The following year, while decorating his house, he put his foot through the ceiling, and that meant a cartilage operation on the left knee. The chapter of ill health continued and, while playing here last year, his left thumb started to hurt. He spent last year trying to find a way to swing without the thumb paining him. He finally altered his thumb position on the grip and, with the help of some professionals, worked on a better hand release through the ball.

The better hand release helped him to finish twentieth in the recent tournament players' championship and, in the first round here, it helped him to six birdies and a round of 68. Today he was two over par after seven holes.



The age of chivalry is not dead. It is alive and well and residing in the heart of Ballesteros. Having struck a woman with his shot on to the 18th green, he kisses her hand in apology.

Early leaders:
13: R. Funseth, 73, 66.
140: G. Littler, 72, 68; R. Irwin, 73, 67.
142: J. Inman, 69, 73; D. January, 72, 70; M. Barber, 75, 67.
143: M. McGlendon, 72, 71; L. Wadkins, 73, 70; P. Oosterhuis, 74, 69.
147: D. Cole, 77, 70; T. Weaver, 75, 72; T. Porter, 78, 69.
148: R. Gaudry, 73, 75; P. McEvoy, 75, 73; D. Hill, 72, 76; A. Gerberger, 75, 73.
149: S. Melnyk, 71, 78.
150: M. Okaki, 76, 74.
151: W. Casper, 76, 75.
152: A. Wall, 74, 78.
153: J. Siegl, 76, 77.
154: S. Snead, 79, 75.
156: R. Landrum, 79, 77.
160: T. Nakalima, 80, 80.
162: M. Brannan, 80, 82.

Wrekin seize their chances and surprise Eton

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

Wrekin caused the big surprise at Royal St George's yesterday defeating Eton 3½—1½ at Eton's first appearance this year in the Halford-Hewitt tournament. The Midland school field a team of solid worth rather than distinction and have twice been, though not recently, in the last eight. In the cold, nagging wind that eased only slightly during the day they took the chances that their illustrious opponents offered. It has become customary to regard Eton as the team to beat but in fact they have had a thin time of it recently, reaching the third round only once in the past five years.

For Wrekin, Haigh and Morgan were always winning the last match. A second point came from Allen and Shaw. Aged 19 and a former Yorkshire junior champion, Shaw holed a putt from just off the 15th green that looked as though it would run for ever. Hurst stoutly followed him in but he and Martin were bunkered and took three putts at the short 16th losing the lead and the hole to a four. Dixon and Marr were two up before the turn but were brought back to all square and when their opponents, Whittaker and Hatch, drove into a bunker at the 15th and left the ball in, Eton lost a chance by letting them get away with a half in six.

Harrow won their three points against Rossall without much ado and had Holland and Donald, heroes of the first day, ready if reluctant to go down extra holes. They were spared this by a turnabout in the top match. Blair and Ross-Collins were two down after eight but played really well from there giving no opening to Reece and Muscutt, who took rather more putts than even those conditions warranted.

Harrow's young pair, Warman and Tindall, won again and so did Sheffield and Low. Today they meet Rugby, old foes. In their first two pairs Rugby have a powerful spearhead but yesterday their third and fourth couples also got the winning habit and at the right time for a hard match this morning.

Loretto also won all their matches: something of a shock to Marlborough, who were runners-up last year. Loretto were runners-up in 1973 and have been in the last eight three times since. They appear to have struck a good balance between youth and experience. The return of McCathie, Dunbartonshire champion, has contributed to a strong opening partnership with Bucher. They made light of the wind and when Uzielli and his partner had reduced the gap to one with a birdie at the ninth, their opponents soon widened it again by starting back 4, 3, 3.

At a time when the Society's president, W. R. Alexander, is a Loretonian, a breakthrough by them would be appropriate and popular but they will have a hard match this morning against another Edinburgh school, Merchiston, who had enough confidence in their own ability to draw their order of play out of a hat in the first round.

Ever since 1965 when they won, Merchiston have been a force to reckon with and this year they have retained eight of the team that beat Whitgift in the final two years ago.

ROYAL ST GEORGE'S: First round: Tonbridge beat Clifton, 5—2; Wrekin beat Eton, 3½—1½; Malvern beat King's Canterbury, 5—2; Merchant Taylors' beat Aldenham, 4—1. Second round: Rugby beat St Paul's, 5—0; Harrow beat Rossall, 5½—½; Loretto beat Marlborough, 5—0; Merchiston beat Bedford, 5—0; Cheltenham beat Edinburgh, 5—0; Wellington beat Glenalmond, 5—0; Tonbridge beat Wrekin, 4—1; Malvern beat Merchant Taylors', 3—2.

ROYAL CINQUE PORTS: First round: Stowe beat Framlingham, 4—1; Felsted beat King Edward's, Birmingham, 5—0. Second round: Dulwich beat Uppingham, 5—0; Radley beat Chigwell, 4½—½; Oundle beat St Bees, 5—0; Berkhamsted beat Epsom, 5—0; Sherborne beat Cranleigh, 3½—1½; Repton beat Whitgift, 3½—1½; Watson's beat Highgate, 5½—½; Stowe beat Felsted, 3½—1½.

Squash rackets

Zaman and the big islander

By Rex Bellamy
Squash Rackets Correspondent

Geoffrey Hunt, the world's squash rackets champion, will defend his British open championship against Qamar Zaman in this afternoon's final at Wembley. Hunt, whose parents were English, is the most successful player Australia has produced in the 15 years or so since players from "the big island" achieved international consequence. Zaman is the most boldly imaginative shotmaker (surpassing even the great Khans) to emerge from Pakistan's older tradition for producing champions.

Hunt, aged 31, has the more consistently impressive record and more than twice as much international experience. But Zaman, four years younger, is planning his most effectively disciplined squash for two years and recently had a convincing win over Hunt in Dublin. Six months ago Zaman took Hunt to five games in the world championship final and for the time being he has replaced the younger but mentally less mature Mohibullah Khan as Hunt's logical successor.

Hunt, who manages to be both reserved and affable, faithfully represents Anglo-Saxon sporting conventions in that his squash, like his personality, is forthright but never flamboyant. By contrast Zaman is a bubbling extrovert—and something of a comedian—both on and off court. The subtle, artful nature of his squash, notably his deceptive wristwork, has usually been more evident in Egyptians than Pakistanis.

The championship is sponsored by Avis Rent-a-Car. Later in the day, Rank Xerox take over the championship court for the final promotion in their "pro-celebrity" series. Leonard Rossiter, relying on tactical cunning rather than his usual sardonic humour, will play Tommy Steele.

Hockey

East and South collide on route to Europe

By Sydney Friskin

Great Britain won the universities international quadrangular hockey tournament yesterday at Peffermill, Edinburgh, coming through comfortably in both matches to finish with an unbeaten record. They drew 1—1 with West Germany on the previous day.

Andrew Cairns, of London University, played a big part in both British victories. In the first match, against France, which Britain won 3—0, he converted a short corner in the seventh minute. Bell and McConnell (from a penalty stroke) were the other scorers. In Britain's 3—0 victory over Belgium, it was again Cairns who put them on the road to victory by converting a short corner in the twentieth minute. Copus and Wells scored in the second half.

RESULTS: France 0, Great Britain 3; Belgium 5, West Germany 2; Great Britain 3, Belgium 0; West Germany 2, France 1. Final placings: 1, Great Britain; 2, Belgium; 3, West Germany, 4, France.

As the English hockey season draws to a close the scramble intensifies for the last of the big prizes, the national club championship, sponsored by Rank Xerox. The semi-final round is to be played tomorrow and in the geographical context of the game the issue is between East and South.

Ipswich meet Guildford at Crane's sportsground and Bedfordshire Eagles play Slough at Wardown Park. The winners of the final on May 7 will take the road to Europe.

The path to the semi-final round has been tough for Guildford and Ipswich, more so for Guildford who have also qualified for the semi-final round of the London League. With Jeans of Wales and Cottrell in the forward line Guildford look stronger than Ipswich who are, nonetheless, undaunted by the paper manifestations of Guildford's strength. Ipswich are relying mainly on White to shape their fortunes in attack. He has played for England (indoors), East and Suffolk.

The match at Wardown Park could be more attractive because of the large number of stick-players on both sides. Much of the midfield action will be controlled by David (Bedfordshire Eagles), who has played for Kenya, and Khehar who plays for England and has just returned from Argentina. The tussle between these gifted players should be interesting. Slough were to have had a practice match last evening against the Indian world cup team, who are on their way back for Argentina, but the visitors pulled out at short notice and left many people disappointed.

Hounslow and Southgate, old rivals, will meet each other twice this weekend. They play in the semi-final round of the London League today and in the semi-final round of the Middlesex Cup tomorrow.

The three aces of Herts

Hertfordshire, with a 3—0 victory over Leicestershire, will meet Lancashire, the holders, in the women's hockey county championship final at Liverpool today. In the semi-final round yesterday Hertfordshire led at half-time through a fine goal from Val Robinson. Later, Chris Duffett and Helen Bray scored.

Leicester were disappointing. Only Kim Gordon offered much trouble to a sound Hertfordshire defence. Catherine Gall, June Birrell and Mary Eckersall were on target in Lancashire's comfortable 3—1 win over Surrey.

Skiing

Two West Germans surprised

By Our Special Correspondent

West German girls took the first three places in the women's giant slalom event of the British Alpine ski championships, sponsored by Phillips, being held on Cairngorm. Maria Epple, of West Germany, the giant slalom champion at the 1978 world championships, was surprisingly beaten by team colleague Heide Wiesler, who won both legs of the race. Pamela Behr, silver winner in slalom at the world championships was placed third. Eric Dahlberg, the Swedish technical delegate for the four-day Spey Valley event described conditions on the M1 run of Cairngorm as perfect

The courses for the women's event were both 925 metres long and were set by Karl Frehsner, of Switzerland, and Dieter Bartsch, the retiring British team coach. The best of the British girls was Lucy Holmes, a member of the British party who took fifth combined place, 1.90 sec ahead of the leading British team girl, Valentina Iliffe. In all, 27 girls competed including Kirstin Cairns, 14, the leading British junior, who has been training in Austria.

So far the Scottish mountain weather has provided perfect spring skiing conditions for the event which has attracted 90 racers including teams from five European skiing nations.

Points gained from Thursday's men's giant slalom have assured Britain's Alan Stewart of North Queensferry of a place in next season's world championship. So far five British skiers have qualified from this and earlier Alpine events and this alone is justification for holding an international event of this calibre in Scotland.

WOMEN'S GIANT SLALOM: 1, H. Wiesler (West Germany), 141.65sec; 2, M. Epple (West Germany), 145.22; 3, P. Behr (West Germany), 145.90; 4, L. Wedam, 145.31; 5, L. Holmes (GB), 146.55; 6, V. Iliffe (GB), 148.45; 7, A. Robb (GB), 149.15; 8, C. Jochum (GB), 153.21; 9, K. Cairns (GB), 155.50; 10, S. Holmes (GB), 156.52.

For the record

Table tennis

PARIS: European League Cup: Final division: Final round: France beat USSR.

ST TOENIS (West Germany): European League: West Germany beat Poland, 5—3.

Final standings

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
France	7	5	2	32	17	5
Hungary	7	5	2	33	23	5
Czechoslovakia	7	4	3	30	17	4
USSR	7	4	3	28	21	4
Sweden	7	4	3	24	25	4
England	7	3	4	21	28	3
Yugoslavia	7	3	4	20	29	3
Netherlands	7	0	6	15	36	0

Ice hockey

NEW YORK: National League: Philadelphia Flyers 5, New York Rangers 0; Detroit Red Wings 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Buffalo Sabres 5, Boston Bruins 2. World Association: Winnipeg Jets 7, New England Whalers 4.

Golf

TAIPEI: Taiwan Open championship: Second round leaders: 140: Kuo Chie-Hsiung, 70, 70; Chen Kien-Chung, 71, 69. 141: Chen Chien-Chen, 70, 71; Chen Chi-Min, 70, 71; Lu Hsi-Chuen, 72, 69. 142: Hsu Chi-San, 70, 72; G. Burrows, 69, 73.

Fencing

TAUBERBISCHOFSHEIM, West Germany. Seven-nation epee tournament: West Germany A 8, West Germany B 7; Soviet Union 2, Britain 1; Switzerland 5, Italy 7; France 6, Romania 7; West Germany 13, Britain 3; Soviet Union 11, Italy 5; Romania 10, West Germany B 6; France 12, Switzerland 4.

Squash rackets

RAC: British junior open championships. Semi-final round: G. Brumby (Australia) beat J. Khan (Pakistan), 9—4, 9—6, 9—1; Z. Hussain (Pakistan) beat R. Hill (Australia), 9—10, 9—0, 9—10, 9—2, 9—1.

Modern Pentathlon

PARIS: Seven-Nation event: Running: 1, D. Nightingale (GB), 12.54, 1,218pts; 2, N. Kuhn (West Germany), 13.00, 1,205; 3, A. Parker (GB), 13.04, 1,193; 4, D. Seyfried (France Juniors), 13.04, 12,248; 5, M. Doney (Bulgaria), 13.11, 1,192. Other British placings: 15, T. Woodall (GB), 13.34, 1,153; 25, T. Kemsley (GB), 13.49, 1,078.

Team placings after four events: 1, Hungary, 12,586 points; 2, Honved (Hungarian Club Side), 12,248; 3, Romania, 12,185; 4, West Germany, 11,457; 5, Bulgaria, 11,925; 6, Britain, 11,668; 7, France, 11,610; 8, Italy, 11,206; 9, France Juniors, 10,674.

SPORT

Football

Arsenal have tradition on their side, but Orient set precedents

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

Having lost the holders, Manchester United, as early as the fourth round, the runners-up, Liverpool, in the third, and the team of greatest impact this season, Nottingham Forest, in the sixth, the FA Cup has been distinguished by the peculiarity of its own natural selection. The semi-final round today leaves only one team who began among the favourites. Arsenal have taken a direct route and not faltered.

They have not shown much mercy with clubs from the lower divisions, eliminating Sheffield United (5—0), Walsall (4—1) and Wrexham (3—2) as well as beating one from the lower first, Wolverhampton Wanderers, 2—1. Orient, who face them at Stamford Bridge, have done remarkably well to reach the last four, but are unlikely to become the fourth second division club to reach the final in six years.

Across London at Highbury, the tie between Ipswich Town and West Bromwich Albion is solidly of the first division and, in theory, a more even distribution of talents. Ipswich have suffered a wretched season in the league, with injuries destroying their hopes almost from the beginning, but they retain impressive natural reserves of stamina to match against Albion's developing skills and intelligent use of experience. The uncommitted onlooker may feel that Albion and Arsenal would provide a final of distinction, but the special tensions of semi-final day defy such tidy projections.

In the hope that the strain does not freeze the possibilities, one envisages two fascinating ties. Albion and Arsenal have made a total of 18 appearances in finals, but Ipswich and Orient none. Tradition, clearly, makes its own nominations for Wembley on May 6, but who would not share Orient's pleasure if they could throw it aside against the "Gunners", who are now loaded with new enterprise.

Orient have dismissed three first division teams, Middlesbrough, Chelsea and Norwich City, in spite of an unimpressive league season struggling against relegation and the prolonged absence through illness of their manager, the former Arsenal player, Jimmy Bloomfield. However they have staunchly persevered with a man-to-man marking system that many more "advanced" teams have found unworkable, and in Roeder they have valuable sweeper and in Kitchen an unusually reliable goalscorer.

Today Orient may find that the game is likely to be taken from them in midfield. They hope that Grealish will snip Brady's lines of communication, but few have done that this season. If Macdonald and Kitchen are the potential match winners in front of goal, Brady has the ability and intuition to control the game and direct Arsenal back to Wembley. The understanding he has forged with Hudson is both surprising and effective.

Orient have been anxiously trying to nurse Payne, one of their more experienced players, back to fitness after a hamstring injury. Last night he was included in the party, but he will need to be examined again this morning. Meanwhile, Arsenal can send out an unchanged team, meaning that they are still without the resourceful Sunderland.

By beating Nottingham Forest in the sixth round, West Bromwich Albion showed that their eyes were firmly on Wembley and, with Regis maturing into a first-class centre forward, they will be difficult for Ipswich to stop at Highbury. Their manager, Ronald Atkinson, has taken them further along the attractive lines placed by Ronald Allen and John Giles, but yesterday he admitted: "I have always wanted my team to be successful and entertaining, but the result tomorrow is all-important—not the way it is achieved. I won't mind if we are 'under the collar' for most of the match as long as we are the winning side."

Playing so many matches without Whymark giving height to their attack and Beattie's useless strength in the defence has too often reduced Ipswich to a modest team. Indeed, they deserved a helping hand in the cup and, by avoiding fellow first division opponents until today, they had their way smoothed. Yet ill luck still follows them. Only yesterday one of their forwards, Geddis, was hurt in training and is doubtful. However, Beattie's latest injury, to his calf muscle, is responding to treatment and he may replace Osman.



Professional foul? Brady is the central attraction, Young is left of centre, and O'Leary guards the far rear.

Rugby Union

A target of four tries for London Scottish

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent

By late last evening London Scottish still could not be sure that Ian McLauchlan, the Lions prop and former national captain, would be able to take his place in the SRU President's XV for their special centenary game at Richmond this afternoon (3.0). He was due at Heathrow airport from New Zealand where he has been playing, on a brief rugby trip, with his fellow internationals, Irvine and Renwick.

McLauchlan has told Scottish that jet lag or not he has every intention of turning out on the Athletic ground and, if he does, he will be one of seven internationals in the President's pack. The others are Carmichael (right head prop), Tomes and Martin (locks), and MacEwan, MacDonald and Bucknall. The last named has, I understand, reached a stage in his career when he does not feel disposed to play another game before lunch, Richmond v Bath, which kicks off at 2.30.

Duckham, with an upset stomach, and McGeechan, with an injury, have withdrawn from the backs, but their number still will feature the British Lion, Alun Lewis, at scrum-half, Gammell on a wing and Coplan at full-back. The Wasps' stand-off half, Ball, comes in for McGeechan, and Godfrey, of London Irish, for Duckham.

Scottish, who were eighth in the London merit table last season but have won it this time with seven wins and two draws, need four more tries to bring their present tally to the hundred mark. Some of the highlights in 100 years of Scottish history can be seen on BBC 2 tomorrow as well as highlights of today's match.

London Welsh have their own special celebrations this weekend with a game against Newbridge today and a gala affair tomorrow. This last fixture involves some of the club's most illustrious players of recent times including Dawes, Gerald Davies, John P. R. Williams and Hullin. Another, Mervyn Davies, will be referee.



McLauchlan: keeping his colleagues on tenterhooks.

Dodge, the England centre, and Redfern, prop, have withdrawn from the England under-23 team which is due to meet English Students at Wilmslow next Wednesday, only three days before their club, Leicester, play Gloucester in the John Player Cup final at Twickenham. Dodge said yesterday that Leicester asked him not to play next Wednesday in any case, but "I have a bruised achilles tendon and the doctor has advised me to rest if I want to be fit for the knockout final." Redfern has told the England selectors that he is unavailable.

Dodge's place against English Students will be taken by Burke, of Waterloo, and that of Redfern by Boulding, of Bedford, who is a former Cambridge Blue.

French racing

Acamas well suited by distance of Greffulhe

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 7

My preference for the Prix Greffulhe at Longchamp on Sunday is the Mill Reef colt Acamas, but I believe the finish will be close and also favour Pevero, Ethnarch and Togolais. Acamas missed last week's Prix de Fontainebleau for the longer Greffulhe and Guy Bonnaventure, the trainer, reports his charge to be in good shape.

Acamas raced only three times as a two-year-old, winning on his first appearance, running unplaced behind Vific in the Prix Robert Papin and finishing third to Super Concorde and Pyjama Hunt in the Grand Criterium. The noteworthy point about the final run was that Acamas was staying on well, so the 10 furlongs and a half of the Greffulhe should be to his liking.

The greatest danger to Acamas must be Gerald Oldham's Pevero, who is a good looking son of Busted. Pevero has already won twice at Longchamp and his second victory was over a distance just half a furlong shorter than Sunday's race. Having finished second to Le Lorrain in the Prix de Fontenoy, Pevero won the Prix de Nexon and then the group III Prix de Conde. In that race his jockey injured a leg and lost an iron before bringing Pevero round the whole field during the final two furlongs.

Ethnarch is one of the horses transferred from François Mathet to Maurice Zilber a few months ago. He was beaten by Invincible, another inmate of Zilber's, in the Prix Maravedis at Maisons-Laffitte last autumn and landed a maiden race on the same course a little later.

The Prix de la Grotte has attracted some interesting fillies and this race too has an open look about it. I select Mother of Pearl to win this classic trial but there are other fillies in the event who have better credentials in the form book. Second place should be to Twilight Hour and I expect a good showing from Adjarida and Jolie Sirene.

We have seen Mother of Pearl on just one occasion, that being the Prix de la Faisanderie at Longchamp last October. She won that contest easily enough, but those behind her that day have not done much justice to the form since. Christiane Head trains Mother of Pearl and she believes the filly to have wintered well and have a first-rate chance in the Prix de la Grotte.

Twilight Hour won a maiden race and then finished a fair third to Clear Picture in the Prix des Reservoirs. She should hold second place in front of the Aga Khan's Adjarida, who made a six-length winning first appearance at St-Cloud last month.

The Prix Imprudence and Prix Djebel at Evry today both went to outsiders. Best Girl, a full sister to Girl Friend, won the Imprudence and now takes her chance in the 1,000 Guineas. In the Djebel the winner was Solanum, who outpaced the second, Orange Marmalade, by six lengths. François Boutin still intends to send Orange Marmalade for the 2,000 Guineas and the colt will certainly be favoured by the extra distance of the Newmarket classic.

PRIX IMPRUDENCE (3-y-o fillies: £4,444: 6f)
Best Girl, b f, by Birdbrook—View Mistress (D. W. Mullins). 9-2 ..... J. P. Lefevre 1
A Thousand Stars ..... P. Paquet 2
Farra ..... L. Piggott 3
ALSO RAN: Wisbelle (12th), Lt Dorga, Furia, Vonrecka, Princess Marvi, Divine Melodie. 9 ran.
PARI-MUTUEL: Win 15.40 francs: places, 3.70, 2.20, 2.30. P. Laille. 4l. 4-l. 1min 20.5sec.

PRIX DJEBEL (3-y-o colts: £4,444: 6f)
Solanum, ch c, by Yours—Carrouges (S. Boarmah). 9-2 ..... A. Badel 1
Orange Marmalade. ..... P. Paquet 2
Pittsburgh ..... G. Rivases 3
ALSO RAN: Little Love (4th), Modern Pleasure. 8 ran.
PARI-MUTUEL: Win 13.00 francs: places, 4.10, 1.80. M. Sodoyer. 6l. 4-l. 1min 21.3sec.

Longchamp tomorrow

PRIX DE LA GROTTE (Group III: 3-y-o fillies: £13,333: 1m)

-1	Adjarida, F. Mathet, 9-2	H. Samani
31-	Fruhlingstag, 9-2	L. Piggott
14-	Jolie Sirene, F. Boutin, 9-2	P. Paquet
33032-4	Tayyara, C. de Watripont, 9-2	A. Gibert
21-0	Marilyn Trifle, C. Dudlow, 9-2	A. Lequeux
22010-	Gamina, J. Cunnington Jr, 9-2	M. Philipperon
1-	Mother of Pearl, Mrs C. Head, 9-2	F. Head
11-	Twistiady, R. Rommert, 9-2	P. Rommert
1-	Twilight Hour, J. Fellows, 9-2	G. Rivases
110-	Lady Jane Grey, M. Clement, 9-2	Y. Saint-Martin
442-1	Caro's Girl, W. Gill, 9-2	

11-4 Mother of Pearl, 5-1 Twilight Hour, 9-2 Adjarida, 6-1 Caro's Girl, Jolie Sirene, 10-1 Lady Jane Grey, 14-1 Fruhlingstag, 16-1 Gamina, Twistiady, 33-1 others.

PRIX GREFFULHE (Group II: 3-y-o c & f: £22,222: 1m 2f)

22-1	Naasiri, F. Mathet, 9-2	H. Samani
103-	Acamas, G. Bonnaventure, 9-2	G. Rivases
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211-	Pevero, F. Boutin, 9-2	P. Paquet
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Tottenham and Bolton are playing for the title

By Norman Fox

London is richly furnished with outstanding football today. While the FA Cup semi-final round is decided at Stamford Bridge and Highbury, the second division offers the important meeting of Tottenham Hotspur and Bolton Wanderers at White Hart Lane. They are equal on points at the top. Tottenham have the advantage in goal difference but Bolton have a match in hand. Both sense that today's winners will take the title.

Tottenham have the comforting knowledge that they are unbeaten at home where they have scored 46 goals. Bolton beat them 1—0 at Burnden Park in the league this season. Since then Bolton have given their supporters some cause for concern by fading just as they did last season when they missed promotion by one point.

There are lively skills in both teams and the first division would welcome them. But for the moment there is a championship at stake. Bolton, without Gowling who recently joined them from Newcastle United, may look for one point and risk two. Tottenham, although still without Naylor, probably have the edge in invention.

Leicester City, without a manager, and Newcastle are almost certain to be two of the first division clubs displaced by Spurs and Bolton, but the third place remains in debate. Wolverhampton Wanderers are slipping alarmingly and yesterday they lost Carr with hamstring trouble. Brazier replaces him at Derby.

A fortuitous victory for Nottingham Forest in the last five minutes at Aston Villa last Wednesday was not seen for its true value until a little later that evening when it was heard that Everton had lost to Liverpool. If there was still any doubt that Forest would win the championship it must surely have been eliminated by that combination of results. Forest have a deserved rest this afternoon but Everton go to Coventry City where European competition is still in sight for next season.

As encouragement, Everton need only look back to last Tuesday, when Newcastle managed to draw at Highfield Road, and last November when at Goodison Park they beat Coventry 6—0. But even another substantial victory would not relieve them of the thought that Forest are so confident that they can play badly and win.

Both of London's relegation candidates, West Ham United and Queen's Park Rangers, face difficult matches at Leeds and Manchester United, respectively.

Little splendour on show at Craven Cottage

By Geoffrey Green

Fulham 1	Southampton 1

Southampton got what they wanted with a draw at Fulham last night which leaves them five points ahead of Brighton who hold fourth place in the second division. Unless Southampton collapse in the last five matches they look certain of a place in the first division next season. However, both sires were rather like bulls in a china shop of Craven Cottage.

In reality, it was an impersonation of the arts of football. There was little refined instinct, although one had a admire the total commitments of both teams. It was hectic speed all the way with both sides.. resembling ..overwound clocks. Curiously, in spite of all the physical challenge, no trainer was required on the field. The only men to catch the eye were Williams and Ball, still as energetic as ever as he swept Southampton moving from midfield. For Fulham, Lacy and Gale did well but neither side kindled a glow. It was a clearing house for odds and ends.

Yet there was a bright enough start. After only five minutes Fulham slipped into the lead when Lacy headed home after a nod by Evanson to a cross from Gale. In the twenty-fifth minutes, however, Southampton were level with one of the best moves of the night. Boyer found Peach who immediately fed Williams, moving fast down the left flank. Over went the cross to the far post, and in went the ball as Funnell swept in at speed.

There the score stayed although Southampton might easily have snatched victory. Just before the interval MacDougall completely missed the ball close in after a fierce shot from Williams had rebounded from Peyton. Three minutes after half-time, Fulham had another escape when a lob by Ball set Boyer free and alone, but Peyton made a fine point-blank save to his close range shot.

There was little splendour from the night. The wind boomed strongly, and one was left to dig into the foggy ruins of time when one spoke to Ken Barnes, father of the present England player who was the heart and soul of the Manchester City Revie plan which won them the Cup in 1956.

It was also a point of interest that it was against Southampton on this same ground on December 27, 1952 that the 15-year-old Haynes made his bow to senior football. Of the 17,000 crowd, 500 had come in coaches from Scandinavia and they probably enjoyed the hectic speed of the English game. But in terms of the niceties of football, it all tended to wither on the vine.

FULHAM: G. Peyton; R. Evans, L. Strong, T. Bullmant, J. Lacy, A. Finch, Gale, B. Greenaway, R. Money, J. Mitchell, A. Evanson. J. Margerrison.
SOUTHAMPTON: P. Wells, D. Andras (sub), D. Peach, S. Williams, C. Nicholl, M. Pickering, A. Ball, P. Boyer, E. MacDougall, N. Holmes, A. Funnell.
Referee: A. MacDonald (Birmingham).

Rugby Union

Scots slip after leading

Scotland 7	Ireland 21

Scotland's 19 rugby group suffered the same fate as their seniors when they were trounced by Ireland at Inverleith, Edinburgh, last night, and thus lost all their 1978 matches.

The big Irish pack dominated the set pieces and their half backs, Deans and McDonell, were much more accomplished than the Scots. However, Scotland took a second minute lead when Nelson weaved through and sent Hastings over for the first Scottish try of the season. Penalties from Bauress and McDonell gave Ireland a 6—4 lead before a penalty from Hastings put Scotland into a 7—6 lead at the interval. Thereafter, the Irish dominated the match.

McDonell was soon on target with a well struck penalty and the speedy Hoeks collected from Deans to score after a ruck in which Dean looped round Keogh. Bauress converted, and again added the goal points after Collins finished off a fine move begun by Nowlan. Strong Irish tackling halted any hope of a recovery and Scotland slid quietly to their whitewash.

Rackets

Boone will be hard pressed to recover lost ground

By Our Rackets Correspondent

John Prenn, a former open champion, beat William Boone, the amateur champion, by four games to two in the first leg of their world rackets championship eliminating match at Queen's Club, London yesterday. The score 3—15, 7—15, 15—1, 15—10, 15—0, 15—8 gives Prenn a lead of 70 aces to 49 and Boone will be hard-pressed to recover the lost ground when they meet again on Saturday, April 15, also at Queen's Club. The winner will challenge the holder, William Surtees.

This match was nothing like Boone's recent marathon with Howard Angus, lacking its vigour, excitement and suspense. But, there was no question that after a miserable start the better player won. As the lead left his legs and his nerves retreated Prenn flowed into the match to put his rival to flight with play of clinical and decisive quality.

Even when he won the first two games without any trouble Boone's play was crude in comparison with what he had shown against Angus. He was in too much of a hurry, hit too high and rarely to any sort of length. His service helped him, largely because Prenns' feet seemed glued to the floor. There were virtually no rallies.

At the first hint of resistance Boone's play deteriorated rapidly and Prenn, in a run of six in the middle of the third game, began to use his overhead service. Boone managed to return a few to begin with but as the match advanced and his morale sank he failed dismally to judge the spin.

Boone made an effort to salvage the fourth game and led 9—7, but Prenn, with another run of six, ended that.

French racing

Longchamp tomorrow

PRIX DE LA GROTTE (Group III: 3-y-o fillies: £13,333: 1m)

-1	Adjarida, F. Mathet, 9-2	H. Samani
31-	Fruhlingstag, 9-2	L. Piggott
14-	Jolie Sirene, F. Boutin, 9-2	P. Paquet
33032-4	Tayyara, C. de Watripont, 9-2	A. Gibert
21-0	Marilyn Trifle, C. Dudlow, 9-2	A. Lequeux
22010-	Gamina, J. Cunnington Jr, 9-2	M. Philipperon
1-	Mother of Pearl, Mrs C. Head, 9-2	F. Head
11-	Twistiady, R. Rommert, 9-2	P. Rommert
1-	Twilight Hour, J. Fellows, 9-2	G. Rivases
110-	Lady Jane Grey, M. Clement, 9-2	Y. Saint-Martin
442-1	Caro's Girl, W. Gill, 9-2	

11-4 Mother of Pearl, 5-1 Twilight Hour, 9-2 Adjarida, 6-1 Caro's Girl, Jolie Sirene, 10-1 Lady Jane Grey, 14-1 Fruhlingstag, 16-1 Gamina, Twistiady, 33-1 others.

PRIX GREFFULHE (Group II: 3-y-o c & f: £22,222: 1m 2f)

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Tennis

Connors reaches semi-final

Rotterdam, April 7.—Jimmy Connors, the first seed, came from behind to outlast the defending champion, Richard Stockton, 3—6, 6—4, 6—0 in their all-American quarter-final round duel at the world championship tournament.

Connors's victory came after the second seed, Borg, withdrew from his quarter-final match against Nastase because of a poisoned toe.

In tomorrow's semi-final matches Connors faces Gerulaitis, who beat Lutz 6—2, 6—3, and Nastase meets Ramirez, a 6—2, 6—2 winner over Warwick. Connors, finding Stockton's service too hot to handle in the opening set, took 103 minutes before clinching his semi-final place.

Stockton, trailing 0—2 in the second set, broke back immediately to square at 4—4, but Connors piled on the pressure and broke again in the tenth game to level the match. The deciding set was one-way traffic with the left-handed Connors dropping only nine points against a dispirited Stockton, who failed to win a game.

Gerulaitis, the third seed, was never extended by Lutz in their quarter-final and the fourth-seeded Ramirez had a similarly easy passage against Warwick. Borg's injury ruled out the prospect of another fiercely contested duel with Connors in their dispute for World no 1 status. Hospital doctors told the Swede he would be unable to play Nastase unless he had an injection and the Wimbledon champion decided it would be best to rest the injury. Borg had treatment on his infected toe last night and was unable to get a shoe on his left foot because of the swelling.

In tomorrow's other semi-final, Mitton of South Africa will meet Richey of the United States. Richey had a tough time defeating South Africa's McMillan, who won the first set 5—7. But in the subsequent two sets, the South African seemed to lose concentration.

Yesterday's results

Second division

Fulham (1) 1 Lacy 16,915		Southampton (1) 1 Funnell	
Fourth division			
Southend (2) 2 Laverick Townsend		Darlington (0) 0 7,196	
Southport (1) 4 Wilson O'Neil (2), Gray		York (0) 1 1,296	

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: North: Corby Town 0, Bedworth 0.
RUGBY UNION: Schools' 19 group: Scotland 7, Ireland 21.
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Hull Kingston Rovers 7, Bradford Northern 15.

Home-based Irish party

Johnny Giles, the Republic of Ireland manager, has chosen a party with a home-based look for the international against Poland in Lodz next Wednesday.

PARTY: Peyton (Fulham), Smith (Bohemians), A. Daly (Wolverhampton Wanderers), G. Dunne (Notts County), Holmes (Tottenham Hotspur), Synnott (Shamrock Rovers), Lawrenson (Brighton), Finnieston (Wexford), Gregg (Bohemians), Grimes (Manchester United), Giles (Shamrock Rovers), Brazil (Ipswich), Hamilton (Queen's Park Rangers), Brady (Shamrock Rovers).

New under-21 date

England will play the second leg of their UEFA Under-21 Championship semi-final against Yugoslavia in England two days after the matches should have been decided. The second leg should have been played by April 30, but the FA said yesterday that it will now be on May 2.

Cheesley gives up

Paul Cheesley (24), the Bristol City striker, who has spent the past 20 months trying to overcome a knee injury, yesterday announced that he is retiring from the game. The club have given him a £5,000 gift and will donate another £5,000 to a testimonial fund.

Olympic Games

Los Angeles may be left out in the cold

The World's International Sports Federations yesterday joined the International Olympic Committee in warning Los Angeles that it would not be awarded the 1984 summer Olympics, although it was the only candidate, unless it changed its attitude towards the games. Thomas Keller, president of the General Association of International Sports Federations (GAIF), said the financial demands made by Los Angeles in its attempt to stage the 1984 Olympics were unacceptable.

Los Angeles is the only city attempting to host the Games but is already involved in a wrangle with the IOC about the way the millions of dollars from television rights should be controlled. Mr Keller, representing the 26 Olympic Sports Federations, warned Los Angeles that if its offer was not accepted by the IOC at its meeting in Athens in May, the matter could always be reopened and another site chosen. "In my opinion the Los Angeles approach is unacceptable. There are many other cities which could handle it and are geared up for it, like Munich and Montreal", Mr Keller said. "If Los Angeles and the IOC do not come to some agreement, then there is no way but to reopen the bids in a year's time."

Support from the International Federations for the IOC's tough line with Los Angeles was expected because the federations all get a heavy slice of the television rights money. They could lose much of this money if the city organizing the Olympics controlled the television rights revenue, using it to finance the games themselves.

Although the members of the IOC will decide the fate of the Los Angeles offer, all 26 federations will have representatives at the May meeting, and without their approval the IOC would be unable to stage the games.

Mr Keller will accompany Lord Killanin, the IOC president, when he flies to Mexico City this weekend to meet the Los Angeles delegats in an attempt to find a compromise solution before the formal offer is placed before the full IOC meeting on May 17. Television rights for the 1980 Moscow Olympics will top $160m.

Gymnastics

Miss Agapova for top prize

Svetlana Agapova, of Russia, and Romania's Nadia Comaneci will be the chief contenders for the top prize in the Daily Mirror Champions All International gymnastics tournament at the Empress Pool, Wembley, next Saturday.

Miss Agapova is the latest member of the Russian national team and, at 14, is regarded as one of the leading contenders for a place in their world championship team later this year. Her main opposition is expected to come from Miss Nadia, who is trained by Bela Karoli, coach of Nadia Comaneci. Two other leading rivals for the title are Silvia Hoffdorff, of East Germany, and Vera Cerna, of Czechoslovakia, both national champions.

Snooker

Davis trails in first round

John Virgo, a rising young professional from Salford, led Fred Davis, nine times world champion from Stourport, 5—3 in their first round match of the world professional championships at Stoke-on-Trent last night. The event is sponsored by Embassy.

Virgo dropped the first frame before winning four in a row. His best score came in the fourth frame where he had breaks of 49 and 25 to beat Davis, 111—7. Davis's best break was 42 in the sixth frame.

Rifle shooting

Cricket

Australians caught on a spiteful pitch

St George's, Grenada, April 7.—The Australians caught on a spiteful pitch, crashed to 121 for nine before declaring on the first day of their four-day cricket match against the Windward Islands here today.

For the first hour the ball reared nastily, kept low or moved extravagantly off the pitch as the Australians, many of them fighting for Test places, battled for survival.

The captain, Simpson, opening the batting for the first time since he was recalled to lead Australia, was the first to go, trapped leg before by Collymore for six.

Adrian King took four quick wickets with a series of balls which did anything but what the batsmen at the pavilion end expected. Darling got a ball which jumped off a good length and was caught off his glove at silly mid-on, Ogilvie received an equally awkward delivery which flew into the slips and Toohey, batting for the first time in a month, gloved a catch to Findlay behind the stumps.

Toohey was followed back to the pavilion by Coster who got three before he was beaten by another unplayable ball and Findlay his second catch. Cosier was struck on the hand and is believed to have a cracked bone in the thumb. He went to hospital for X-ray examination.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

*R. Simpson, l-b-w, b Collymore	6
R. Darling, c Hinds, b King	12
D. Ogilvie, c Sebastien, b King	10
P. Toohey, c Findlay, b King	7
G. Cosier, c Findlay, b King	3
K. Hughes, b Annibarta	50
C. Serjeant, not out	20
B. Yardley, b Annibarta	0
I. Callen, not out	15
W. Clark, b King	0
J. Higgs, not out	1
Extras (b 1, w 2, n-b 4)	7
Total (9 wkts dec)	121

3—30, 4—40, 5—47, 6—95, 7—105, 8—105, 9—110.
BOWLING: King, 15—2—50—6; Collymore, 10—3—37—1; Thomas, 4—1—17—0; Annibarta, 5—1—10—2.

WINDWARD ISLANDS: First Innings

L. Sebastien, c and b Clark	24
I. Lewis, b Clark	7
I. Shillingford, not out	15
C. Browne, not out	1
Extras (l-b-w 1, n-b 2)	3
Total (3 wkts)	49

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—19, 2—45.
LATER: Windward Islands 88 all out.

Badminton

Unhappy timing of Mrs Hashman's dismissal

By Richard Streeton

With unhappy timing, it became known last night on the eve of the European championships in Preston, that the Badminton Association of England (BAE) have decided against renewing Mrs Judy Hashman's contract as their supremo. Mrs Hashman's own words were that she had been sacked.

Mrs Hashman's one-year contract for her duties, which embrace selection, team management, coaching, ends officially on June 30. Her loosely worded letter of appointment, however, also said that her responsibilities would culminate with the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton from August 4-11.

Now, effectively, the BAE have decided to revert to the traditional system of a selection committee. With the closing date for Edmonton selections set for June 5, the BAE have made the new committee's first task the choosing of the side for Canada. Mrs Hashman and her coselector, Maurice Robinson, will step down at the end of next week's European championships.

It is an unhappy background to the first occasion that England have been hosts to the European event. The new selection committee will have as chairman John Havers, a former Essex and England player. He will be assisted by William Andrews, who has served as a selector before and who will have special responsibilities for junior players; Ciro Ciniglio, a Warwickshire official who will look after the secretarial side of things; and Heather Nielsen, who is still playing for Surrey. Ironically, as Heather Ward, Mrs Nielson won the All-England title in 1959, beating Mrs Hashman, then Judy Devlin, in the final.

The BAE are anxious to have continuity with the present selectorial processes and have asked Mrs Hashman to serve as a fifth member of the new committee. Mrs Hashman denied last night she had declined the offer, and was waiting for it to be put in writing before deciding whether to accept. Mrs Hashman admitted she felt bitter and disappointed at the BAE's abandonment of their supremo policy so soon.

Those who know Mrs Hashman will not be surprised if she does reject the BAE invitation; like most great champions she has always been an individualist, unsuited, arguably, for committee work. An adjustment in England's team management for the 1978-79 season was always probable, remembering it will be a Thomas Cup year and that practical difficulties might have arisen during a campaign when a men's team event will be the predominant feature of the calendar.

Weekend fixtures

FA Cup, semi-final round

Ipswich v West Brom Albion .... (at Highbury, 3.15)
Orient v Arsenal .... (at Stamford Bridge)

Third division

Bury v Bradford C (3.15) .....
Chesterfield v Plymouth (3.15) ..
Exeter v Gillingham .....
Lincoln v Cambridge U .....
Peterborough v Rotherham .....
Portsmouth v Carlisle .....
Port Vale v Chester .....
Sheffield W v Oxford U .....
Shrewsbury v Tranmere .....
Swindon v Colchester .....
Walsall v Hereford .....
Wrexham v Preston .....

FA TROPHY: Semi-final round: second leg, Runcorn v Altrincham; Stennymoor United v Leatherhead.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Boston United v Barrow, Frickley v Wigan Athletic; Gainsborough v Stafford Rangers; Gateshead v Macclesfield; Goole v Great Harwood; Morecambe v Bangor City; Mossley v Matlock; Northwich Vic v South Liverpool; Scarborough v Buxton; Workington v Worksop.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Weymouth; Bath v Bedford; Dartford v Minehead; Grantham v Dover; Hastings v Gravesend; Maidstone v Cheltenham; Redditch v Barnet; Telford v Dillingham; Wealdstone v Nuneaton; Worcester v Kettering; Yeovil v AP Leamington. First division, north: Bridgend v Burton; Cambridge City v Wellingborough; Corby v Bromsgrove; Enderby v Dunstable; Gloucester v Banbury; King's Lynn v Barry; Stourbridge v Oswestry; Tamworth v Merthyr Tydfil; Witney Town v Bridgnorth. First division, south: Addlestone v Taunton; Andover v Waterlooville; Bognor Regis v Ashford; Canterbury v Basingstoke; Crawley v Trowbridge; Dorchester v Aylesbury; Folkestone and Shepway v Tonbridge; Margate v Hounslow; Romsford v Poole (at Aveley); Salisbury v Chelmsford.

First division

Birmingham v Norwich .....
Coventry v Everton .....
Derby v Wolverhampton .....
Leeds v West Ham .....
Liverpool v Leicester .....
Manchester U v QPR .....
Middlesbrough v Bristol C .....
Newcastle v Aston Villa .....

Fourth division

Bournemouth v Rochdale .....
Brentford v Barnsley .....
Crewe v Swansea .....
Halifax v Newport .....
Hartlepool v Stockport .....
Northampton v Doncaster .....
Reading v Grimsby .....
Scunthorpe v Watford (3.15) ....
Torquay v Aldershot (7.30) .....
Wimbledon v Hudderstield .....

Second division

Blackburn v Brighton .....
Blackpool v Stoke .....
Bristol R v Sheffield U .....
Cardiff v Crystal Palace .....
Charlton v Hull .....
Luton v Sunderland .....
Notts Co v Millwall .....
Oldham v Mansfield .....
Tottenham v Bolton (2.30) .....

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: [illegible]

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: [illegible]

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: [illegible]

Scottish premier division

Ayr v Rangers .....
Clydebank v Celtic .....
Motherwell v Dundee U .....
Partick Th v Aberdeen .....
St Mirren v Hibernian .....

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Queen of South .....
Alloa v Dumbarton .....
Dundee v Morton .....
East Fife v Kilmarnock .....
Hearts v Arbroath .....
Montrose v St Johnst'n .....
Stirling Albion v Hamilton .....

Scottish second division

Clyde v Albion Rovers .....
Cowdenbeath v Brechin .....
Dunfermline v Berwick .....
Falkirk v Stenhousemuir .....
Meadowbank v E Stirling .....
Queen's Park v Stranraer .....
Ross County v Forfar .....

Television highlights

BBC1
Football: Preview (12.35).
Racing: First second previews (1.5) Lingfield races at 2.0, 2.30, 3.10.
Boxing: Hope v Dennis Moyle; Cowell Gardner v Jordan (1.35).
Basketball: National Cup Final, Wembley (1.5, 2.35).
Squash rackets: British open championships (2.15).
Rugby League: St Helens v Warrington (3.5).
Football: Match of the Day (10.0).
BBC2—Tomorrow
Rugby Union: [illegible] v SRU President's XV (3.0).
ITA
Football: FA Cup preview (12.15).
Motor cycling: Oulton Park meeting (about 1.0).
Motor racing: United States Grand Prix West (about 1.0).
Racing: Newbury races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30. Doncaster races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.55.
Gymnastics: Moscow tournament (ab out 3.10).
Wrestling: Blackburn promotion (4.0).
ITA—Tomorrow
Football: Ten Match (2.15).

Rugby Union

39 group international

Club matches:

[illegible]

LEAGUES

NORTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: [illegible]

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: [illegible]

Athletics

[illegible]

Squash rackets

[illegible]

Rugby League

Cup: Semi-final round
St Helens v Warrington (at Wigan)
First division
Leeds v Widnes

Tomorrow

Rugby League
John Player Cup, preliminary round
Hull KR v Castleford (3.0). Hull v Featherstone Rovers (3.0). Leeds v Halifax (3.0). Salford v Huddersfield (3.0). Wakefield Trinity (2.45). Wigan v Dewsbury. Workington Town v Bramley.
SECOND DIVISION: Barrow v Blackpool Borough. Blackpool Elston v Doncaster. Carlisle v Barrow (2.15). Hunslet v Huddersfield. Whitehaven v Oldham. York v Leigh.

Hockey

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: [illegible]
COUNTY MATCHES: Surrey v [illegible] (at East Grinstead). [illegible] v Buckinghamshire (at Amersham).
WOMEN'S MATCHES: All-England National Club Championship (at Liverpool University, 9.00).

Athletics

[illegible] athletics open meeting (at [illegible]). Military Stadium). [illegible] and District open meeting (at Football Stadium, Hendon).

Eton fives

Halford Cup, semi-final rounds (at Lion).

Golf

Halford Hewitt (at Deal).
Middlesex v Kent (at West Middlesex).
[illegible] meeting (at Walmer and Kingsdown).
Gloucestershire v Hertfordshire Artisans (at Cirencester).
Hampshire v Hampshire (at South Wilts).

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...nother Blustery day at Doncaster

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...will be a field of 25 for ...'s Irish Sweeps Lincoln ... which will be run on ...d course at Doncaster ... the first time. This is ...t to even out the effect ... draw used to have on ...ht course. A low draw ...e regarded as a kiss of ... the straight course, but ... be surprised if one of ...o have been drawn low ...manages to win today's ...I hope that that horse ...ustery. If Mark Smyly's ...d is successful, he will ...rst to win this age old ... successive years since ...l so 20 years ago.

...he layers opened their ...books on today's race, ...horses have been backed ...eat extent and they are ... time favourite, Fair ...ustery, Captain's Wings, ...and The Hertford, who ...ice two years ago. When ...hose bets were struck, ...l was soft and it can be ...t of those five. Blustery ...in's Wings will be the ...ected by the recent ... the ground. Blustery ...in's Wings by four and ...gths on one occasion at ... season and he has a ...nce of repeating his success of last year just on that performance.

I saw Blustery work with Peter Walwyn's classic colts on the downs above Lambourn 11 days ago, and there was no doubt that he went extremely well. Ridden by his big race rider, the champion jockey Patrick Eddery, Blustery finished alongside Camden Town, who won the Roseberry Stakes at Teesside Park only three days later and in front of both Formidable and Bolak.

Three days earlier I had seen the ante-post favourite, Fair Season, move just as sweetly in a work-out at Kempton Park after racing had finished. The ground was very soft that day and Fair Season was in his element. Whether he will be quite so at ease on the faster ground this afternoon remains to be seen. Earlier this week his trainer, Ian Balding, went as far as to tell Michael Seely that he would have been confident that Fair Season would have won this competitive race if the ground had remained soft. As things are, Balding is still convinced that his horse will give his numerous backers a good run.

My only reservation as far as Fair Season is concerned is that he has run all his best races when he has been able to bowl along in front and the same applies to another fancied contender today, Glorified. When you get two front runners in a race, there must be a danger that they will cut each other's throat. If that happens today, Blustery could well be the one to profit, even though he will be meeting The Hertford on much worse terms than when they finished first and sixth, respectively, 12 months ago.

Six lengths separated them that day and The Hertford will be meeting his old rival on 24lb better terms, even though his own weight has been increased by a penalty for winning at Kempton Park on Easter Monday. The Hertford has the beating of Sunset Value and Yamadori on that form and he is arguably the best handicapped horse in the race. However, he is not apt to run two races alike and Blustery is preferred on this occasion.

Irrespective of how they get on in the big race, with Fair Season, Balding and John Matthias appear to have a good chance of winning the Furniture Factors Stakes with Soldier's Point. However, I still have a sneaking feeling that War Whoop will be hard to beat in the same race. He has been the subject of most encouraging reports from Newmarket for some time.

Ten have stood their ground against the Guineas and Derby favourite, Try My Best, in the Vauxhall Trial Stakes at Phoenix Park in Ireland. Vincent O'Brien told our Irish correspondent yesterday that Try My Best's preparation had gone entirely according to plan and that his colt would certainly appreciate the better ground.

Six of those who will be opposing Try My Best this afternoon won, which means that we should be assured of seeing a good trial. Of those six, by far the most interesting is Terenzio, who will be sporting the colours made famous in recent years by the feats of Bolkonski and Wollow. Gianfranco Dettori will be wearing those colours today and it must be significant that he has travelled from Italy especially to ride. Terenzio, who made an enormous impression on those who saw him win his only race last season before he was injured. All in all, this promises to be a fascinating race.

Byzantium (3.10) should be the best bet at Newbury, where Urser is not without a chance of winning the Greenham Group Handicap Hurdle judged on the way that he ran against Albion Prince at Liverpool 10 days ago.

STATE OF GOING (official): Doncaster: Good. Newbury: Good. Hexham: Good. Stratford-on-Avon: Good. Devon and Exeter: Good to soft. Monday: Wolverhampton: Good.

Continuing tale of two remarkable mares

By Michael Seely

Success for two remarkable old brood mares was the chief feature of racing at Doncaster yesterday. Cartridge Flight a son of the 21-year-old Rosie Wings was produced with a well-timed run by Stephen Raymont to capture the second round of the Crown Plus Two apprentice championship for Jeremy Tree. The first race of the afternoon, the French Gate Stakes, fell to an offspring of an equally illustrious mother, Zanzara, when Ryan Price saddled Black Butterfly to gain a comfortable victory in the hands of Brian Taylor.

Sadly Zanzara, the dam of countless winners including such high-class performers as Duke Ellington, Maratina and Showdown is now dead. But in Black Butterfly her owner, Mrs Jackie Ward has a fine-looking filly to carry on the line at the end of her three-year-old racing career.

The victory of Cartridge Flight was an all-Dumfriesshire affair as far as the owner and breeder are concerned. Cartridge Flight belongs to Simon Keswick, a partner in the firm of Jardine Matheson, whose extensive business interests in the Far East originated from the lowland county so long ago. And Cartridge Flight was bred by Mrs Betty Tweedie, whose husband, Reg, sent Freddie down from Dumfriesshire to finish second in the 1965 and 1966 Grand Nationals. Admirers of the gallant Scottish steeplechaser will be pleased to hear that he is alive and kicking at the age of 21.

Rosie Wings's first three foals, Mount Athos, Scottish Rifle and John Splendid, were all sold to "Lucky" Sandy Struthers. All three won good races. Mount Athos finished third to Sir Ivor in the 1968 Derby. John Splendid's victories included a triumph in the 1970 Ayr Gold Cup.

By happy coincidence Ron Hutchinson, who was associated with most of these colts' wins for John Dunlop was a spectator at Doncaster yesterday. Hutchinson, who recently retired from the saddle after a long and happy association with Arundel is over in England for three weeks before returning to Singapore to finish his riding career at the end of the Malayan season.

...aster programme

...n (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races]

...NITURE FACTORS STAKES (3-y-o: £2,492: 1¼m 50yd)

... Bogey Man, R. Marshall, 9-0 ... W. Carson 6
... War Whoop, H. Wragg, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 3
... Soldier's Point, I. Balding, 9-0 ... J. Matthias 9
... Swagger Stick, L. Weymes, 9-0 ... G. Duffield 1
... Bernejo, G. P.-Gordon, 8-9 ... E. Eldin 2
... Camon, W. Elsey, 8-9 ... M. Thomas 4
... Happy Hector, C. Brittain, 8-0 ... E. Hide 7
... Ipi Tombi, H. Candy, 8-9 ... P. Waldron 8
... Moron, H. Collingridge, 8-9 ... G. Sexton 10
... Obraztsovy, H. Price, 8-9 ... B. Taylor 5
...hoop, 5-1 Soldiers Point, 9-2 Obraztsovy, 6-1 Swagger Stick, 8-1 ...-1 Happy Hector, Bogey Man, 20-1 others.

...HYANY HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,986: 5f)

... Embess (D), R. Boss, 9-3 ... A. Murray 12
... Frimley Park (D), P. Arthur, 8-11 ... B. Rouse 13
... Ecna's Choice (D), B. Swift, 8-9 ... J. Mercer 1
... Primula Boy (D), J. W. Watts, 8-6 ... J. Lowe 7
... Whistling Jenny (D), M. W. Easterby, 8-4 ... C. Moss 6
... Welsh Blossom (D), N. Adam, 8-4 ... B. Cloworthy 7 14
... Swing Alone (D,B), P. Kelleway, 8-1 ... W. Carson 2
... Swinging Pan (D), C. Hill, 8-0 ... M. Wigham 5 15
... Pipedreamer (D,B), H. Candy, 7-11 ... M. Roberts 3
... Redding Ridge (D), D. Keith, 7-8 ... D. Maitland 11
... Emperor's Shadow, R. Hollinshead, 7-8 ... K. Darley 5 3
... Tribal Call (D), P. Metcalfe, 7-8 ... K. Leason 4
... Brianston Zipper (D), J. Hardy, 7-4 ... M. Thomas 10
... Vaquero (D), J. Skilling, 7-0 ... L. Parkes 9
... Razorback, C. Austin, 7-0 ... D. McKay 8
...r Park, 4-1 Redding Ridge, 6-1 Swing Alone, 7-1 Razorback, 8-1 Primula Boy, Pipedreamer, 12-1 Whistling Jenny, Swinging Pan, ...n Zipper, 20-1 others.

...LN HANDICAP (£7,737: 1m)

... Casino Boy, G. Balding, 4-9-7 ... R. Weaver 14
... Baronet (D), C. Benstead, 6-9-1 ... B. Rouse 20
... Digitalis, J. Hardy, 4-9-0 ... E. Hide 1
... Blustery (C-D), M. Smyly, 6-8-10 ... P. Eddery 3
... Ashbro Laddo (D), H. Price, 5-8-10 ... T. Rogers 24
... Yamadori (D,B), R. Houghton, 6-8-9 ... J. Reid 8
... Claudio Nicolai (D), Denys Smith, 5-8-9 ... J. Mercer 13
... Carriage Way (C,D), H. Price, 4-8-8 ... D. McKay 23
... Fair Season (D), I. Balding, 4-8-7 ... J. Matthias 22
... Whitby Jet (B), J. Calvert, 4-8-7 ... J. Bleasdale 15
... Prince Gabriel (D), J. Tree, 4-8-7 ... S. Raymont 5 14
... Chukaroo (C,D), D. Laing, 6-8-6 ... P. Cook 18
... Glorified (D), J. Bethell, 5-8-5 ... W. Carson 12
... Le Soleil (D), H. Price, 4-8-5 ... B. Taylor 21
... Reppin Castle (D), A. Smith, 4-8-4 ... B. Henry 5
... Captain's Wings (D), R. Boss, 5-8-1 ... M. Wigham 5 6
... Steel City (D), M. Camacho, 4-8-1 ... E. Johnson 9
... The Hertford (C-D,B), B. Swift, 7-8-1 ... R. Fox 4
... Kithairon (D), J. W. Watts, 7-8-0 ... J. Lowe 25
... Mr Nice Guy (D), E. Reavey, 4-8-0 ... R. Street 17
... Peroneid (D,B), C. Brittain, 4-7-12 ... A. Bond 7
... Noble Venture (D), C. Austin, 4-7-12 ... K. Darley 5 2
... 40123-3 Sunset Value (D), A. Pitt, 6-7-12 ... M. Thomas 11
... 101100- Donzel (D,B), G. Harwood, 4-7-12 ... M. Roberts 19
... 21000-2 Crimson Silk, R. Mason, 4-7-11 ... G. Duffield 10
5-1 Fair Season, 6-1 Blustery, 8-1 Captain's Wings, 10-1 Glorified, 12-1 The Hertford, 16-1 Claudio Nicolai, Le Soleil, Yamadori, 20-1 Chukaroo, Kithairon, Sunset Value, 25-1 Baronet, Carriage Way, Mr Nice Guy, Reppin Castle, 33-1 others.

3.25 SOUTH YORKSHIRE STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £2,204: 5f)

401 1 Casale (D), J. Winter, 8-13 ... B. Taylor 4
402 21 Friendly Neighbour (D), C. Hill, 8-13 ... E. Hide 9
403 1 New Fangled (D), T. Fairhurst, 8-13 ... N. Crowther 5 5
404 1 Spy Chief (D), B. Swift, 8-13 ... G. Lewis 12
405 Antique Bloom, P. Kelleway, 8-8 ... E. Bruce 7 6
406 Best of Luck, T. Waugh, 8-8 ... G. Sexton 2
407 Cruel Passion, R. Hannon, 8-8 ... F. Durr 3
408 0 Ecstasy, M. W. Easterby, 8-8 ... C. Moss 7
413 Khadija, B. Hills, 8-8 ... E. Johnson 8
414 Lady Chrystal, R. Hollinshead, 8-8 ... T. Ives 11
417 2 Rendition, J. Hardy, 8-8 ... M. Thomas 1
418 Right Hurry, M. H. Easterby, 8-8 ... M. Birch 10
5-2 Friendly Neighbour, 11-4 Spy Chief, 4-1 New Fangled, 6-1 Casale, 8-1 Khadija, 10-1 Cruel Passion, 12-1 Rendition, 20-1 others.

3.55 GREY FRIARS STAKES (2-y-o: £1,366: 5f)

501 0 Arms King, L. Weymes, 9-0 ... E. Hide 6
504 Don Clemente, R. Hannon, 9-0 ... F. Durr 5
506 Ghazal, J. Hardy, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 10
507 Intercraft Boy, W. Marshall, 9-0 ... P. Cook 11
508 Joleg, B. Hills, 9-0 ... E. Johnson 1
509 0 Kassamoto, W. Marshall, 9-0 ... — 15
511 Measure Up, L. Carr, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 7
512 O. I. Oyston, J. Berry, 9-0 ... E. Apter 3
514 Salenhire, D. Worden, 9-0 ... P. Young 3 12
515 Sally Anne's Boy, N. Callaghan, 9-0 ... G. Lewis 9
516 Schweppeshire Lad, M. Stoute, 9-0 ... G. Starkey 8
520 Aunt Ivy, D. Thom, 8-11 ... J. Lynch 2
522 Miss Times, P. Rohan, 8-11 ... C. Dwyer 4
9-4 Schweppeshire Lad, 100-30 Joleg, 4-1 Arms King, 6-1 Don Clemente, 8-1 Sally Anne's Boy, 10-1 Miss Times, 12-1 Ghazal, 20-1 others.

4.20 WAKEFIELD STAKES (3-y-o: £1,205: 1¼m)

603 1-1 Hushinee, P. Walwyn, 9-1 ... P. Eddery 3
605 2-1 Rate, Thomson Jones, 8-11 ... P. Cook 2
606 00- Chokwaro, M. Jarvis, 8-4 ... B. Raymond 5
608 000- William The First, W. Hern, 8-4 ... W. Carson 4
609 0204- Caraquenga, H. Price, 8-1 ... B. Rouse 1
11-8 Hushinee, 9-4 Rate, 7-2 Caraquenga, 10-1 William The First, 12-1 Chokwaro.

4.50 WADWORTH HANDICAP (£2,043: 2¼m)

1 023-3 Hard Attack (C), H. Price, 6-9-11 ... B. Taylor 1
3 314310- Palace Royal (C), G. Richards, 5-9-10 ... P. Young 3 2
5 01000-0 Spanish Armada, W. Marshall, 4-9-5 ... — 5
6 712212- Migelitto, M. Naughton, 6-9-0 ... M. Wigham 5 4
7 432421- Man Alive, G. Richards, 7-8-10 ... O. Gray 6
8 02021-0 Grand Blanc (C-D), C. Bewicke, 4-8-9 ... J. Reid 5
9 10-2 Water Colour, M. Tate, 9-7-11 ... K. Darley 5 7
10 040121- Hit the Roof, R. Whitaker, 4-7-11 ... M. Thomas 8
11 2003- Givan, P. Kelleway, 6-7-10 ... W. Carson 9
10-11 Hard Attack, 4-1 Migelitto, 8-1 Hit the Roof, 10-1 Palace Royal and Man Alive, 12-1 Spanish Armada, Water Colour, 20-1 others.

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(IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and ...

...ERWASH CHASE (£707: 2m)

...n, 6-11-10 Mr Fowler 7
... 7-11-10 .... Barnes
..., 5-11-3 .... Gray 3
... Queen, 7-11-0 Kettlewell 7
..., 7-11-0 .... Barry
...elanes, 6-11-0 J. O'Neill
... Dumpty, 6-11-0 Lungo
...rig, 7-11-0 .. Mangan
...estnut, 8-11-0 Lowry 3
...ift, 10-11-0 ..Hall 7
...stopher, 7-11-0 Hawkins
... 7-11-0 .... Faulkner
... All, 7-11-0 .. Dickman
...g Grass, 7-11-0 Mr Walton
... 5-10-7 .. Mr Dun 5
...Big, 4-1 Buckville, 9-2 ..., 6-1 Humpty Dumpty, ...n, 10-1 Moorside, Roast ...-1 Kollon Brig, 16-1

... JOICEY CHASE (... : £1,061: 3m)

...rsdouble, 9-11-9 J. O'Neill
...er, 6-10-0 .. Faulkner
... 8-10-0 .... Barnes
...-10-0 .... Hawkins
... Charles, 12-10-0 Holmes
...y, 7-10-0 .. Turnbull 7
...y, 10-10-0 .. Coogan
...ursdouble, 4-1 Coparu, ... Charles, 6-1 The ...Luck, Moonlihooly, 16-1

...BROKE HURDLE (... : £940: 2m)

...sions, 8-12-7 Mr Dun 5
...nd, 9-11-11 ... Mangan
..., 5-11-6 .... Lowry 3
..., 5-11-3 ...... Barry
...aior, 5-10-13 .. Holmes
..., 5-10-9 .... J. O'Neill
...un, 8-10-7 .. Charlton
...ove, 6-10-7 Mr A. Brown 7
Spice, 4-10-5 Mr Walton
...6-10-3 ...... Goulding
...Boy, 6-10-0 .. Coogan
...4-10-0 ...... Faulkner
...End, 7-10-0 Charlton 3
...ster, 5-10-0 .... Barnes
... 7-10-0 .... Hawkins
...Peel, 7-10-0 .. Dowds 7
...tor, 5-10-0 .. Dickman
...cklam, 8-10-0 Fling 5
... 8-10-0 ...... Scallan
...Four, 6-10-0 Ellison 7
..., 6-1 Nunstar, 7-1 ... 8-1 Jane Again, Saucy ... Any Second, Highland ...Iamandu, Royal Major, ... 14-1 All Even, Ponta-...rs.

...STONES CHASE (... : £829: 2m)

...al, 11-11-11 .. Charlton
...Sail, 7-10-9 Mr Walton
... 10-10-7 .... J. O'Neill
..., 8-10-6 .... Mangan
..., 7-10-0 .. Kettlewell 7
...Sail, 5-2 Gone Out, 3-1 ... 8-1 Red Well, 10-1

...DHOE HURDLE (... £479: 3m)

... 5-12-4 .. Mr Carden 7
...Lady, 7-12-4 Mr Todhunter 7
... Winifred, 9-12-4 ..—
...ver, 6-11-8 Mr Shaw 7
...Joy, 5-11-8 .. —
... Lady, 6-11-8 .. —
...chur, 7-11-8 Mr Fowler 7
...gal, 5-11-8 Mr Mackie 5
... 6-11-8 .. Mr Curtin 7
...Courtier, 5-11-8 Mr Sant 7
...rince, 6-11-8 Mr Sloan
... Spirit, 8-11-8 Mr Kelsey 7
Bridge, 6-11-8 Mr Sample 7
... 5-11-8 .... Mr Dun 5
...Drummer, 5-11-8 Mr Alder
Brigade, 8-11-8 Mr Greenall
...Allan, 6-11-8 Mr Jewitt 7
... 5-11-8 .. Mr Tate 5
... 6-11-8 ...
...-11-8 .... S. Avery 7
... 10-11-8 .... Mr Serdy 7
..., 6-11-8 Mr W. Hetherington (5)
...oice, 12-11-8 .. —
...pades, 6-11-8 Mr Dover 7
... Faith, 6-11-8 Mr Oldham 7
... 10-11-8 .. Mr Walton
... Lady, 4-1 Arrigle Boy, ...n, 8-1 Guilsway, 8-1 ... 10-1 Tiger Fleet, 12-1 Wayward Winifred, 16-1

...WICK HURDLE (...idens: £476: 2m)

...ll, 11-7 ...... Lamb
...er, 11-7 .. Fairhurst 3
...ian, 11-7 ...... —
... 11-7 .... Mr Mackie 5
...Star, 11-7 .. P. Mangan
... Echo, 11-7 .. Charlton
...ne, 11-7 ...... Faulkner
...ic, 11-7 .... Mr Walton
... 11-7 .... Ashbridge 7
...fax, 11-7 ...... Barry
..., 11-7 ...... Holt 7
...louse, 11-7 .. Barnes
... No Pay, 11-7 Hoolker 7
...enry, 11-7 .. Mr Dun 5
...wer, 11-7 .... J. O'Neill
..., 7-2 Auchencairn, 5-1 ... 6-1 Cheviot Star, 8-1 ... 10-1 Direct Line, 13-1 ...0-1 others.

...1.30 Think Big. 2.0 ...bie. 2.30 Nunstar. ... Sail. 3.30 Guilsway.

Doncaster results

2.0 (2.1) FRENCH GATES STAKES (3-y-o: £1,662: 5f)

Black Butterfly, b f, by Prince Tenderfoot—Zanzara (Mrs J. Ward), 8-11 .. B. Taylor (5-1) 1
Sovereign Mercy .. P. Cook (10-1) 2
Jason-Johns Choice F. Durr (5-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Zaharoff, 9-1 Oh Simmie (4th), 12-1 Swing God, 14-1 Ecchinswell Lass, 20-1 Korbut, The Snootist, 33-1 Emerald Rocket, 50-1 Brians Star. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 57p; places, 24p, 40p, 11p; dual forecast, £4.13. H. Price, at Findon. 1½l, 1l. 1min 01.34sec.

2.30 (2.31) CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP STAKES (Round II: Apprentices: £1,699: 1m)

Cartridge Flight, br c, by Scottish Rifle — Rosie Wings (S. Keswick), 9-5 S. Raymont (12-1) 1
St Jilis .... P. Darcy (4-1) 2
Salutiferous .. P. Carson (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-5 fav Padro (4th), 5-1 Homing Pigeon, 14-1 Temple Queen, 20-1 King Pearl, 33-1 Our Enery, Splendid Again, Mrs Dumbfounded, and Saturnine Boyer. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, £1.47; places, 39p, 14p, 43p; dual forecast, £3.73. A. J. Tree, Marlborough. 1½l, 3l. Amberaries did not run. 1min 41.78sec.

3.0 (3.0) WATERDALE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,968: 6f)

Robolin, b c, by Master Sing—Charlie's Double (Mrs R. Kennedy), 6-13 K. Darley (15-2) 1
Peaceful River M. Wigham (15-2) 2
Degas .... G. Baxter (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Spanish Issue, 5-1 Overtrick, 10-1 Royal Companion, Sweet Zest, 16-1 Working Girl (4th), 20-1 Ski Run, 25-1 Eastleigh Manor. 10 ran
TOTE: Win, 63p; places, 16p, 11p, 31p; dual forecast, 83p. R. Hollinshead, Upper Longdon. 1min 13.48sec. Hd, 4l.

3.30 (3.35) BROOKE BOND CUP (£1,084: 1¼m 50yd)

Wickwell, b h, by Wolver Hollow—Wise Counsel (H. Hopkins) 5-10-7 ...... Diana Jones (20-1) 1
Jakalla ...... Joy Gibson (9-1) 2
Spare A Dime Mr T. Easterby (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt favs Geminiani Great Escape, 15-2 Black Minstrel (4th), 10-1 La Bambola, 14-1 Ballylogue, 18-1 Saraguso, 20-1 Lucky Seventeen, Radiant Morn, Sweet Shop, Kenco, Kero's Luck, 25-1 Calabura, Caitsoion, Flying Diplomat, 33-1 Pave the Way, Chirp, Country Progress, Gullible Joe, Bonghazi Express, Golden Clover, Village Dusky, Coal Bag Kate, Divine Sunshine, Junior Miss, Trieste. 28 ran.
TOTE: Win, £4.60; places, 85p, 51p, 44p; dual forecast, £13.09. A. W. Jones, at Oswestry. 3min 13.75sec. 3l, 2l. Crows Nest, Edmund Burke did not run.

4.00 (4.3) HALL GATE HANDICAP (£2,099: 7f)

Moving Picture, b f, by Polyfoto—Friitenden (Mrs G. Janson) 4-7-10 .... J. Bleasdale (5-1) 1
Running Jump .... J. Lowe (7-1) 2
My Therese .... P. Cook (17-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-1 fav Mandalus, 6-1 Red Johnnie, 10-1 Can Run (4th), 12-1 Better Blessed, Jon George, Kinlore, 20-1 Hell Bent, Nearly New, Stephandre, 33-1 Supernaculum. 13 ran
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 16p, 18p, 26p; dual forecast, £10.34. H. Price, at Findon. 1min 25.54sec. ½l, 3l.

4.30 (4.33) NORTHERN HANDICAP (£2,033: 1½m)

Amber Valley, b g, by Forlorn River—Jackies Joy (R. Bradley) 5-8-9 ...... E. Johnson (2-1) 1
Celtic Pleasure B. Raymond (7-4 fav) 2
Solo Reign .... M. Wigham (6-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 8-1 Tierra Fuego (4th), 12-1 Osiris, 20-1 High Steward, Sockburn, 33-1 Tecoff. 8 ran.
TOTE: Win, 35p; places, 12p, 13p, 19p; dual forecast, 17p. J. Hanson, at Wetherby. 2min 35.33sec. 1l, nk.
TOTE DOUBLE: Robolin, Moving Picture, £14.90. TREBLE: Cartridge Flight, Wickwell, Amber Valley, £41.65. Jackpot: not won. Placepot: £122.60.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: Derby: Nizon, Un Trouvere, Boceno. 2.30 pm April 5: Oaks: Seldovia, Ruma, Lys River, Tarona, Stress, Five Diamonds, Sweet Kiss, Precious Pearl. 2.30 pm April 5: 2,000 Guineas: Isle de Bourbon, 9 am, April 6: 1,000 Guineas: Sushila, 9 am, April 6, Derby Trial Stakes, Lingfield Park: Super Concorde. Jockey Club Stakes, Newmarket: Montorselli. All engagements (dead): Kathy's Boy, Bossman, Spartan, General, Malanu, Glendale, A. J. Dic.

Sedgefield NH

2.15: 1, Hydrographic (5-4 fav); 2, Decade (7-2); 3, Part-Ex (12-1). 11 ran. Daze did not run.

2.45: 1, Schnone (7-2); 2, Prolate (11-4 fav); 3, Nellies Lad (5-1). 14 ran.

3.15: 1, Meldrette (12-1); 2, Rigorous (8-1); 3, Foreign Embassy (8-1). High Lee, 3-1 fav. 16 ran.

3.45: 1, Cromwell Road (11-2); 2, Cartwright (11-4); 3, Brother Will (11-8 fav). 9 ran.

4.15: 1, Solo Sam (6-4 fav); 2, Cherry Lad (9-2); 3, Coleraine (100-30). 10 ran.

4.45: 1, Merry Legs (16-1); 2, Gordons Lad (100-30); 3, Riesbert (10-1). Arkengarthdale, 9-4 fav. 17 ran.

5.15: 1, Darling Eve (12-1); 2, Canaya Tudor (50-1); 3, Noble Hall (11-1). Royal Cacador, 4-7 fav. 10 ran.

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Stratford NH

2.30 CHARLECOTE CHASE (Handicap: £1,143: 3¼m)

4f-4 Village Thief, 8-11-12 O'Brien 5
034 Kick On, 11-11-11 .... Hyett
u40 French Canadian, 10-11-9 Knight
211 West End Lad, 10-11-8 D. Atkins
u42 Kings or Better, 7-11-6 Mr Woods 7
p24 Border Mark, 10-11-4 Cartwright
000 Spariot, 10-11-3 ...... Holland
0b0 Herminius, 10-11-1 .. C. Smith
4f0 Everything, 7-11-0 .... Suthern
ufo Mr Batme, 8-10-11 .. Kinane 7
003 Moorabinda, 8-10-10 Mr Hanmer 7
04p Dreamalong, 12-10-8 .....
423 Jolly Sweel, 6-10-7 .. Phillips 7
40p Widden Hill, 13-10-6 .. Haskett 7
220 Steamer, 10-10-3 ...... Webber
4p0 Indian Red, 13-10-1 Mr Mann 7
00u Cradenly, 9-10-0 .... R. Evans
030 Wild Rushes, 8-10-0 ..... —
pp-p Trumpet Cross, 8-10-0 .. D. Evans 3
302 Sporting Image, 10-10-0 Mr Burchard 5
9-4 Kings or Better, 3-1 West End Lad, 4-1 Border Mark, 6-1 French Canadian, Village Thief, 10-1 Jolly Sweel, 14-1 Sporting Image, 16-1 others.

3.0 ILMINGTON HURDLE (Handicap: £489: 2m)

300 Delaware Bay, 5-12-0 C. Smith
403 Miss Plumes, 5-11-11 .. Holland
003 Call-Me-Morials, 5-11-10 Steel
43f Living For Kicks, 4-11-9 Goodwin 7
000 Mercedem, 5-11-7 .... Kerly 7
000 Morning Princess, 5-11-5 Mr Cambidge 7
003 Prince Carlos, 5-11-5 R. Gardiner 7
400 Pava's Girl, 6-11-4 .... —
200 Dollie Case, 5-11-3 .. D. Evans
p-0p Kalgoorlie, 5-11-2 .... N. Clay
pno Jocabo, 4-11-0 .. S. J. Owen 5
p00 Shady Fox, 5-11-0 .... Lovell 7
u20 Sheric Boy, 5-11-0 .... Rowe 7
3p0 King Glimmer, 5-10-13 R. Evans
p0b Bestreaked, 4-10-12 .. Young 7
200 Captain Cheeks, 4-10-12 Hives 5
003 Kingston Padre, 4-10-9 S. Davis 7
7-2 Call-Me-Morials, 9-2 Prince Carlos, 5-1 Miss Plumes, 6-1 Sheric Boy, 7-1 Delaware Bay, 8-1 Living For Kicks, Mercedem, 10-1 King Glimmer, 14-1 others.

3.30 R. BAKER CUP CHASE (Handicap: £1,373: 2¾m)

410 Sonny Somers, 16-10-13 O'Brien 5
212 Cabar Feidh, 6-10-3 .... Linley
3p0 Bawnogues, 7-10-0 .. R. Hyett
f3u Fox Run, 7-10-0 .... C. Smith
400 Sandwilan, 10-10-0 .. R. Evans
002 Silver Delight, 9-10-0 .. Kinane
000 County Clare, 9-10-0 .. Webber
f00 Ballygarvan Brook, 7-10-0 —
11-4 Sonney Somers, 100-30 Cabar Feidh, 9-2 Bawnogues, 11-2 Silver Delight, 7-1 Fox Run, 8-1 Sandwilan, 12-1 Ballygarvan Brook, 20-1 County Clare.

4.10 PHILIP CORNES HUNTERS' CHASE (£764: 3¼m)

3u2 Horoscope, 13-12-10 Mrs White 7
1-3p Agilitee, 9-12-7 Mrs Wallwin 7
42-p Toscason, 10-12-7 Mr Weston 3
u4u- Beau Reynard, 11-12-0 Mr Chugg 5
Fire Spirit, 9-12-0 .. Mr Oakes 7
02-1 Scalby Cresta, 9-12-0 Mr Haldon 7
7-4 Horoscope, 5-2 Scalby Cresta, 4-1 Agilitee, 8-1 Beau Reynard, 10-1 Toscason, 12-1 Fire Spirit.

4.40 INGON HURDLE (Handicap: £711: 3¼m)

234 Portway Nick, 8-11-11 Mr D. Smith 7
100 Brother Broncho, 6-11-3 Gray
300 Gardenvale, 9-11-2 ...... Smart
335 Fogbound, 7-11-1 ..... Tuck 7
0-04 French Rebel, 8-11-1 .. —
pf3 Jimmy Miff, 6-11-0 .... Leak 7
003 Genovese, 6-10-13 Mr Bnichard 5
304 Lismount VI, 7-10-12 Mr Cambidge 7
030 Jave River, 9-10-10 .. Rowe 7
f41 Church Belle, 6-10-10 Goldstein 7
004 Willie May, 6-10-8 .... Knight
020 Barclay's Own, 7-10-7 McLaughlin 7
001 Weeny Bopper, 7-10-7 Webber
330 Lampshade, 5-10-6 .... —
300 Kastrup, 11-10-0 Mr Worthington 7
400 Moss Way, 7-10-0 ...... Steel
011 Franwin, 12-10-0 .. Oracey 5
000 Dolben Lass, 9-10-0 .... Tuck 7
000 Cheapside, 12-10-0 .... Haynes
000 Jockey, 8-10-0 .... S. Davis 7
4-1 Jimmy Miff, 5-1 Genovese, 11-2 Weeny Bopper, 6-1 Fogbound, 8-1 Brother Broncho, Jave River, 10-1 Church Belle, 12-1 Franwin, 14-1 Portway Nick, 16-1 others.

5.10 YOUNG STAYERS HURDLE (4-y-o: Novices: £554: 2¼m)

002 Bulging Pockets, 11-3 Smith 5
300 Hopeful Cid, 11-3 .... Tuck 7
303 Jocks Bond, 11-3 .. H. Davies 5
201 Little Rooster, 11-3 .... Rowe 7
032 Officially, 11-3 ...... Offord 7
100 Telestar, 11-3 ...... Kerly 7
01 Baydon Belle, 10-7 .... Carroll
Big Hearted Baby, 10-7 C. Smith
0u0 Bla-Kross, 10-7 ...... Holland
00 Emmabel, 10-7 .. Mr Webber 7
0 Erstung, 10-7 .... Barlow 5
302 Lavenham Lady, 10-7 A. Webber
f00 Le Daran, 10-7 .... Clay
-p4 Paquita, 10-7 ...... M. Soles 7
233 Rib Law, 10-7 .... R. Evans
5-2 Officially, 3-1 Bulging Pockets, 9-2 Baydon Belle, 6-1 Little Rooster, 8-1 Jocks Bond, 10-1 Big Hearted Baby, 12-1 Lavenham Lady, 14-1 Rib Law, 16-1 others.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON: 2.30 Village Thief. 3.0 Miss Plumes. 3.30 Sonny Somers. 4.10 Horoscope. 4.40 Fogbound. 5.10 Bulging Pockets.

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2.0 (2.2) CHANDOS MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £704: 5f)

Be Cross, b c, by Track Spare—Ever Joyful (S. Mason), 9-0 W. Carson (5-1) 1
Sutra .... R. Fox (16-1) 2
Silly Venture .. D. McKay (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Haverhill Lad, 6-1 Sheer Elegance, 7-1 Fine Kingdom, Grizzly Bill, 10-1 Fairbanks, Herbie, 16-1 Strait September (4th), 25-1 Spellbound, Sweet Mark Boy, Kings Progress. 13 ran.
TOTE: Win, 30p; places, 11p, 25p, 30p; dual forecast, £4.66. R. Vibert, at Wantage. 2l, 2½l.

2.30 (2.34) PANORAMA STAKES (2-y-o: £403: 5f)

Mister Christopher, gr c, by The-Go-Between—Joanne Reign (A. Block), 8-11 .. E. Eldin (8-13) 1
The Grafter .. D. McKay (11-2) 2
Speedway Princess J. Lynch (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-2 Gold Scare (4th). 4 ran.
TOTE: Win, 11p; dual forecast, 34p. D. Ringer, at Newmarket. 1½l, 5l. There was no bid for the winner.

3.0 (3.06) WHITNASH HANDICAP STAKES (Handicap: £990: 7f)

Sky Jump, ch c, by Double Jump—Damascus Sky (J. Swift), 3-8-0 ...... J. Lynch (9-2) 1
Paddy's Luck .. W. Carson (11-2) 2
Giwri .... B. Rouse (11-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Fettered, 9-1 Love Potion, 10-1 Showpiece, 13-1 Gusty's Gift, Hora Royale, 14-1 Heracles, 20-1 Doughty, Tal Princess (4th), 25-1 Gur Amir, Happy Victorious, 33-1 Lord Justice, Humble Court, Aronta, Winged Typhoon, Raw Deal, Comtoc. 19 ran.
TOTE: Win, 38p; places, 27p, 17g, 33p, 70p; dual forecast, £3.62. B. Swift, at Epsom. Hd, 1½l. United did not run.

3.30 (3.32) BUDBROOKE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £627: 1¼m 170 yds)

Space Special, b c, by Space King—Pip's Princess (Mrs N. Gittins), 9-0 .... B. Rouse (33-1) 1
Singing Amah .. J. Reid (11-4) 2
Double-Header, W. Newnes (33-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Plush, 9-2 Whirling Dervish, 6-1 Great Parsian, 14-1 Ram Chat Chat, 18-1 Ash Hill (4th), 33-1 Tusitala, Bally Bick, Groengate, Boxberger Tree. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, £8.58; places, £1.78, 21p, £1.78; dual forecast, £1.74 with any horse. S. Holland, at Shrewsbury, 2½l, 7l.

4.0 (4.1) APRIL STAKES (Handicap: £917: 1¼m 52yds)

Ballador, ch h, by Le Haar—Larkie (D. Thorne), 6-8-8 R. Weaver (6-1) 1
Springdamus .. S. Jarvis (20-1) 2
Ladbrokes Leisure, R. Muddle (9-2 jt fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt fav Crown Matrimonial (4th), 5-1 Mr Playbirds, 6-1 Grey Mountain, 8-1 Hallez-Loup, 10-1 Ernel, 12-1 Lucky Runner, 18-1 Pandas Gambol, 50-1 Glenfern, 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 11p, 29p, 67p; dual forecast, £1.68. G. Balding, at Weyhill. Hd, 6l. (winner with any other horse).

4.30 (4.31): CANAL STAKES (Handicap: 3-y-o: £870: 5f)

Elfinaria, gr f, by Song—Fairy Ring (Mrs M. Wates), 9-2 G. Lewis (13-8 fav) 1
Song Grove .. P. Waldron (5-1) 2
Final Act .... C. Leonard (20-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 Dutch Connection (f), 7-1 Divine Glider, Gillgroops, 20-1 K B Export, Young Rupert, Miss Hot Pants. 9 ran.
TOTE: Win, 24p; places, 42p, 11p, £1.99. Dual forecast, 29p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 2½l, 1½l. The Hit Man did not run. K B Export passed the post in fourth place but was disqualified after rider failed to weigh in. No official sixth.

5.0 (5.13): BUDBROOKE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 3-y-o: £626: 1¼m 170 yds).

Flurry Knox, b c, by Irish Ball (Fr)—Pardina (Miss H. Gevers), 9-0 .... E. Eldin (13-8 fav) 1
Ekels Pride .. P. Waldron (11-4) 2
Dyk-a-Tak .... B. Rouse (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Plover's Moss, 12-1 Valpolicella, 14-1 The Kaffir, 16-1 Henlow Gamble, Rabinski (4th), 33-1 Ribot Mantegna, Sovereign Harvest, Abbotsville, Haydon Prince. 12 ran.
TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 11p, 21p, 39p. Dual forecast: £1.68. G. Pritchard-Gordon, at Newmarket. 3½l, 2½l.
TOTE DOUBLE: Sky Jump and Ballador, £130.95. TREBLE: Mister Christopher, Space Special and Elfinaria, £80.85.

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2.15: 1, Pennymoor (11-10 fav); 2, Bellarina (14-1); 3, Mummy's Star (5-1). 17 ran. Rich Encounter did not run.

2.45: 1, Endurance Trust (33-1); 2, Weather Permitting (33-1); 3, Maniwaki (16-1). Jack Anthony 11-4 fav. 16 ran.

3.15: 1, Pearly (9-2 fav); 2, Copper Bar (13-1); 3, Ballydamus (33-1). 21 ran.

3.45: 1, Lager Boy (6-1); 2, Jillkins (14-1); 3, Klotam (20-1). Knave of Hearts 7-2 fav. 18 ran.

4.15: 1, Devon Spirit (6-1); 2, Hobo (5-2 fav); 3, Coombe Lad (20-1). 11 ran.

4.45: 1, Colliers and Cuffs (20-1); 2, Captain Midnight (3-1); 3, Anchor Wood (25-1). Penny Boy 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

5.15: 1, Hargan (5-1); 2, Kaheutoc (9-1); 3, Dusky May (7-1). Clear Horizon 4-1 fav. 11 ran.

DEVON: 2.15 Captain Flash. 2.45 Le Toy. 3.15 Clifton Fair. 3.45 Palace. 4.15 Jackstones. 4.45 Springbow. 5.15 Echo Summit.

Newbury NH programme

[Television (BBC1): 2.0, 2.30 and 3.10 races]

2.0 KENCOT STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,464: 2½m)

1 1f2011 Persian Camp (C), R. Head, 10-13-0 ... J. Francome
7 1203a1 Joint Venture (D), J. Old, 9-10-5 ... R. Champion
9 1f3400 Discount Market (C-D), C. Bewicke, 7-10-8 ... B. R. Davies
10 212301 Sunrise Hill, D. Nicholson, 6-10-8 ... J. King
12 3-03204 Drumwynk (D), D. Hanley, 9-10-0 ... T. Stack
13-8 Sunrise Hill, 7-4 Persian Camp, 3-1 Joint Venture, 12-1 Discount Market, 16-1 Drumwynk.

2.30 GREENHAM GROUP HURDLE (4-y-o handicap: £5,212: 2m 100yd)

203 21 Golden Vow, G. P.-Gordon, 10-11 ... C. Peck
204 31202 Pollerton, Thomson Jones, 10-11 ... S. Smith-Eccles
205 112413 Honegger, A. Dickinson, 10-11 ... M. Dickinson
208 112402 Urser, M. W. Easterby, 10-7 ... T. Stack
209 413333 Excelsior, R. O'Neill, 10-6 ... —
210 034013 Bustability, A. Jones, 10-5 ... —
212 fu41 Strathclyde, F. Winter, 10-5 ... M. Bastard 7
213 010211 Barley Boy, G. Balding, 10-3 ... R. Bailey
215 31001 MacKelly, J. Old, 10-0 ... C. Candy
216 110 Oui Monsieur, T. Gosling, 10-0 ... A. Webb
217 131023 Sean (C-D), F. Rimell, 10-0 ... J. Burke
218 1230 Rube's Wicket, J. Gifford, 10-0 ... M. Stanley
219 a12 Helping Hand, A. Smith, 10-0 ... N. Tinkler
220 24421 Pardon, F. Winter, 10-0 ... C. Brown 3
221 111130 Green-Fingered, J. Gifford, 10-0 ... G. Enright
222 000000 Mercy Flight, R. Turnell, 10-0 ... A. Turnell
223 00031 Woburn, C. Bewicke, 10-0 ... J. King
229 00000 Price Review, B. Gubby, 10-0 ... J. Guest
5-1 Barley Boy, 11-2 Urser, Honegger, 6-1 Golden Vow, 10-1 MacKelly, Pollerton, Helping Hand, 12-1 Strathclyde, Pardon, 16-1 Green-Fingered, Excelsior, Woburn, 20-1 Bustability, Sean, 25-1 others.

3.10 BETTERTON STEEPLECHASE (£2,485: 3m)

301 312f41 Modesty Forbids (D), J. Gifford, 6-12-0 ... R. Champion
305 121212 Timoshenko, F. Rimell, 6-11-10 ... C. Tinkler
303 112-2f1 Byzantium (D), W. A. Stephenson, 8-11-6 ... T. Stack
306 Forbidden Fruit, T. Forster, 8-11-6 ... P. Blacker
308 134p23 Prince Maythorn (D), D. Nicholson, 8-11-6 ... R. Mangan
6-4 Modesty Forbids, 5-2 Timoshenko, 4-1 Byzantium, 8-1 Prince Maythorn, 10-1 Forbidden Fruit.

3.40 ALVESCOT HURDLE (Div I: novices: £731: 2½m 120yd)

402 03004 Eastern Citizen, D. Nicholson, 7-11-10 ... R. Mangan
405 040 Monkswell, R. Armytage, 6-11-10 ... H. J. Evans
406 0 Royal Gambol, J. Old, 7-11-10 ... C. Candy
407 0-03004 Saddle Tramp, A. Arnold, 6-11-10 ... C. Asbury
408 003040 Salalis, W. A. Stephenson, 7-11-10 ... T. Stack
410 00p-42p Stellata, S. Mellor, 6-11-10 ... P. Blacker
411 4242 Straight Jocelyn, R. Armytage, 6-11-10 ... J. King
412 pf4b0f Turasco, J. Spearing, 6-11-10 ... A. Webb 5
413 0 Whittington, R. Head, 6-11-10 ... B. R. Davies
414 Barte River, S. C. Jones, 5-11-7 ... R. Floyd
415 003 Best Boy, J. Gifford, 5-11-7 ... R. Champion
416 Blue Pimpernel, T. Forster, 5-11-7 ... J. Marshall 5
418 00 Clems Dream, Miss A. Sinclair, 5-11-7 ... R. Rowell
420 04 Double Inn, Mrs D. Oughton, 5-11-7 ... Mr D. Oughton 7
423 0-00002 Lukewarm, K. Bailey, 5-11-7 ... S. Morshead
424 000 Minnicean, J. Welch, 5-11-7 ... D. Coomer 5
425 0u Papilion, D. Wales, 5-11-7 ... S. McNeill 7
426 00 Snow Ball, J. Fawkes, 5-11-7 ... T. Casey
427 02000r Sounding Arch, D. Pearman, 5-11-7 ... M. O'Halloran
428 000 Taliperit, D. Nicholson, 5-11-7 ... J. Davies 7
430 00 Typhonic, F. Winter, 5-11-7 ... J. Francome
431 230 Brumington, F. Walwyn, 4-10-9 ... W. Smith
433 0 Cerua, B. Hills, 4-10-9 ... Mr N. Henderson
435 403232 Prince's Risk, P. Mitchell, 4-10-9 ... R. Hughes
5-2 Monkswell, 4-1 Straight Jocelyn, 11-2 Brumington, 7-1 Prince's Risk, 12-1 Eastern Citizen, 14-1 Best Boy, Stellata, 16-1 Double Inn, Typhonic, Lukewarm, 20-1 Blue Pimpernel, Cerua, 25-1 others.

4.10 JACK SPRAGGON STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £692: 3m)

502 01-1001 Hinterland (D), M. Henriques, 12-12-7 .... Mr A. Wilson
503 p-0p3 South Side (D), M. E. Francis, 12-12-7 .... Mr P. Wates 5
504 02314-0 Tartan Slave, J. Brazil, 11-12-7 .... Mr R. Brown 5
505 f Kingrullah, P. Doran, 13-12-0 .... Mr P. Doran 7
506 004- Senior Wrangler, N. Gaselee, 11-12-0 .... Mr N. Henderson
507 0p00p-0 "Vulgan's Trout (D), H. Bellingham, 10-12-0 .... —
508 u32 Flexability, J. Bosley, 6-11-9 .... Mr S. Shilston 7
509 fpf Northcote Hill, L. Worner, 9-11-9 .... Mr B. Stevens 7
510 p40fop- Prides Pal, T. Clay, 8-11-9 .... Mr T. Clay 7
Evens Hinterland, 9-2 South Side, 6-1 Tartan Slave, 7-1 Flexability, 12-1 Senior Wrangler, Kingrullah, 25-1 others.

4.40 ALVESCOT HURDLE (Div II: novices: £714: 2½m 120yd)

601 0 Castleblaney Jet, R. Vibert, 6-11-10 ... C. Candy
602 00-p C'Est Afrique, Mrs R. Lomax, 7-11-10 ... —
603 pp00 Doneagle, Mrs M. Pitt, 7-11-10 ... N. Tinkler
606 0300 Lucky Louis, T. Forster, 7-11-10 ... C. Tinkler
607 a42ff Mender, R. Armytage, 7-11-10 ... J. King
608 0243 Queen's Herald, F. Winter, 8-11-10 ... J. Francome
609 p Rojo, P. Calver, 7-11-10 ... R. Barry
611 0 Border Gem, P. Cundell, 5-11-7 ... M. O'Halloran
612 0p Border Star, D. Gandolfo, 5-11-7 ... S. Smith-Eccles
613 0 Choral Cross, C. Bewicke, 5-11-7 ... B. R. Davies
614 30 Colonial Lad, F. Walwyn, 5-11-7 ... W. Smith
615 0 Foxworthy, J. Gifford, 5-11-7 ... R. Champion
616 3p Iron Fighter, W. Fisher, 5-11-7 ... —
618 0000 Omega, Miss A. Sinclair, 5-11-7 ... R. Rowell
619 0000 Prince Ebor, Mrs D. Oughton, 5-11-7 ... Mr D. Oughton 7
620 004 Scottish Mandate, G. Harwood, 5-11-7 ... G. Lawson
621 00203 Sea Heather, S. Mellor, 5-11-7 ... P. Blacker
622 00 Silverbridge, N. Gaselee, 5-11-7 ... T. Stack
627 33 Zonari, A. Dickinson, 5-11-7 ... M. Dickinson
5-2 Colonial Lad, 7-2 Zonari, 7-1 Sea Heather, Scottish Mandate, Queen's Herald, 14-1 Lucky Louise, Mender, Iron Fighter, 16-1 Rojo, Silverbridge, Prince Ebor, 20-1 others.

* Doubtful runner

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

2.0 Sunrise Hill. 2.30 Urser. 3.10 BYZANTIUM is specially recommended. 3.40 Monkswell. 4.10 Hinterland. 4.40 Zonari.

Doncaster selections

By Our Racing Correspondent

1.45 War Whoop. 2.15 Pipedreamer. 2.55 BLUSTERY is specially recommended. 3.25 Spy Chief. 3.55 Schweppeshire Lad. 4.20 Caraquenga. 4.50 Hard Attack.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.45 War Whoop. 2.15 Swing Alone. 2.55 Captain's Wings. 3.25 Casale. 3.55 Schweppeshire Lad. 4.20 Rate. 4.50 Spanish Armada.

Devon NH

2.15 FROBISHER HURDLE (Div I: Part I: £499: 2m 40yds)

014 Captain Flash, 5-11-10 McCourt
0-00 Arctic Lee, 5-11-0 .... Parkyn
p Coryton, 5-11-0 ...... Atkins
000 Freedom's Fee, 6-11-0 Laverick 7
0-p3 Lola's Boy, 6-11-0 .... Carvill 7
003 Lovers Last, 8-11-0 Mr Chugg 3
0-00 Princely Rifle, 6-11-0 J. Williams
02-0 Sabot Rapide, 5-11-0 .. Barrett 7
05p Somerville, 5-11-0 ...... Leach
00p The Doyle, 8-11-0 .... Hallett 7
402 Whistler's Lane, 8-11-0 .. Leak 7
7-4 Captain Flash, 7-2 Lola's Boy, 9-2 Whistler's Lane, 8-1 Somerville, Sabot Rapide, 12-1 others.

2.45 HAWKINS HURDLE (Handicap: £456: 2m 40yds)

0fp Old Man Dimplex, 11-12-4 Barrett
u00 Dr Hines, 7-11-7 ...... Caswell
f00 Gay Manicou, 14-11-4 .. Holman
p0f Sea Picture, 9-11-1 .... Hallett
002 Le Bal Musette, 7-11-1 Redmond
000 Button Boy, 5-10-12 .... Ayliffe
000 Caroline, 8-10-8 .... Mitchell 5
000 Bright Baby, 8-10-8 .... Flower
040 Sword Ruler, 6-10-7 .. Knight
300 Happy Snoopy, 5-10-7 .. Roberts
p-p0 Census, 9-10-6 .... Muggeridge
000 High St, 11-10-6 .. O'Donovan
000 Royal Blast, 5-10-5 .... —
040 Dragon Hill, 12-10-4 Burgoyne
.000-0 Imperial River, 8-10-2 Carvill 7
0-14 Le Toy, 9-10-1 ...... Waring
Crispy, 10-10-0 .... Reynolds 7
003 Plumbers Bridge, 9-10-0 Ayliffe 7
100-30 Le Toy, 7-2 Le Bal Musette, 4-1 Sword Ruler, 11-2 Plumbers Bridge, 7-1 Census, 10-1 Old Man Dimplex, 14-1 others.

3.15 TORBAY TROPHY CHASE (Handicap: £1,031: 2m 40yds)

032 Perambulate, 9-12-0 .... Leach
233 Catsgore, 10-11-2 .... Richards
132 Harry Hotspur, 8-11-2 .. Holman
212 Roc Imp, 7-11-1 ...... —
004 Night Messenger, 6-10-13 Hobbs
0-32 Clifton Fair, 9-10-9 .... Floyd
200 Transformation, 9-10-9 S. Jobar
301 The Clerk, 13-11-0 .... Barton
0-42 Bob Bunker, 9-10-2 .. McCourt
104 Mr Moke, 8-10-0 .... Hoare 5
131 Monkstown, 10-10-0 .... —
p03 March Rite, 9-10-0 .. Leando 7
000 Flickity Prince, 12-10-0 Bosley 5
3-1 Perambulate, 7-2 Roc Imp, 4-1 Catsgore, 11-2 Harry Hotspur, 8-1 Clifton Fair, 10-1 Flickity Prince, 12-1 others.

3.45 PELLEW HURDLE (Handicap: £1,149: 2m 3f)

304 Fighting Taffy, 11-12-0 Burgoyne 7
4-01 Centaur, 10-11-13 ...... Floyd
212 Straitjacket, 7-11-12 Mr Wates 3
210 Needcombe, 5-10-12 Miss Thorne 7
000 Palestrina, 5-10-12 .... Barton
012 Ordnance Hill, 6-10-12 J. Jenkins
340 Mount Street, 6-10-11 W. Smith
000 Tonedale, 6-10-11 .. J. Williams
020 Court Melody, 8-10-10 .... —
000 The Guvnor, 6-10-8 .. R. Atkins
220 Loonshiang, 5-10-8 ...... Crank
332 Palace, 6-10-7 ...... McCourt
400 Princes Arcade, 5-10-5 .. Hobbs
204 Monas Express, 6-10-4 .. —
233 Dark Sky, 11-10-3 .... Owen 7
100 Tumble Rock, 7-10-1 Poulson 7
000 Mister Tack, 6-10-1 .... —
11p- Village Green, 6-10-0 .. Kernick
300 Silver Peace, 7-10-0 .. Bowen 7
120 Solentown, 6-10-0 .... Leach
3-1 Straitjacket, 4-1 Ordnance Hill, 5-1 Princes Arcade, 13-2 Centaur, 8-1 Palace, 10-1 Court Melody, 12-1 Loonshiang, 16-1 others

4.15 DRAKE CHASE (Novices Handicap: £833: 3m 1f)

102 Not Lightly, 7-11-0 .... Floyd
312 Joe Kelly, 7-10-12 .. Wilson 7
031 Jackstones, 7-10-12 .... Dickin
142 Carew Marine, 9-10-11 .. Hobbs
320 Corramacorra, 8-10-6 .. Barton
0f4 Tessie's Boy, 8-10-5 .... Crank
000 Blue Fire, 10-10-1 .... —
331 Artist Lad, 9-10-1 .... —
413 Jacko, 6-10-0 ...... Carvill 7
32u Knock On, 9-11-0 .... Leach
b01 Sparkling Tarqua, 7-10-0 Barrett 7
00b Mac's Birthday, 11-10-0 Hallett 5
042 Bell-Amys, 7-10-0 .. J. Williams
pou Magic Streak, 9-10-0 .. Richards
7-2 Joe Kelly, 4-1 Not Lightly, 9-2 Jackstones, 11-2 Tessie's Boy, 8-1 Jacko, 10-1 Carew Marine, 14-1 others.

4.45 FROBISHER HURDLE (Novices: Div II: £482: 2m 40yds)

001 Elite Lady, 6-11-10 .... Crank
Folland, 6-11-10 .... J. Williams
1 Langham Lad, 6-11-10 .. Carvill
031 Professor Plum, 5-11-10 Barton
01 Ribrambo, 6-11-10 C. Jones 3
120 Share, 6-11-10 .... Floyd
001 Silly One, 6-11-10 .... Gray 7
301 Springbow, 5-11-10 .. Waite 7
000 Tallow Line, 6-11-10 .... —
0 Carrigmore, 5-11-0 .. McCourt
0-00 Final Word, 6-11-0 .... Leach
245 Irish Barger, 6-11-0 .... —
040 Portolla, 5-11-0 ...... Hobbs
0 Prince Charmer, 6-11-0 Atkins
0p0 Russianess, 6-11-0 Muggeridge 7
2 Wood Demon, 5-11-0 .... —
5-2 Professor Plum, 7-2 Springbow, 4-1 Folland, 11-2 Share, 8-1 Elite Lady, 12-1 others.

5.15 FROBISHER HURDLE (Novices: Div I: Part II: £499: 2m 40yds)

0r0 Echo Summit, 6-11-10 C. Jones 3
p0-0 Comedy Turn, 6-11-0 .. Hobbs
220 Falls Road, 7-11-0 .... Crank
Ivan, 5-11-0 .. Mr Brisbourne 5
0n0 Ladies Beware, 6-11-0 .. Richards
00 Lorndo-rel, 5-11-0 .... Fox
200 Main Chance, 5-11-0 .... Barton
000 Sadat, 6-11-0 .... Floyd
-00 Ski Shop, 5-11-0 .... Leach
30p Verity, 7-11-0 .... Gray 7
3-1 Echo Summit, 7-2 Main Chance, 4-1 Falls Road, 6-1 Ski Shop, 10-1 Sadat, 14-1 others.

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Changing the CAP to ease impact on farmer and consumer

House of Commons

Mr Thomas Torney (Bradford, South, Lab), opening a debate on the common agricultural policy of the EEC, said he wanted to see an end to the kind of bargaining that existed at the moment.

It appeared that the Minister of Agriculture and his colleagues went to Brussels and because of the way the rules operated they were reduced to horse trading when they wanted to secure something for the consumers, or the farmers or the diary processors. Mr Torney called attention to the working of the common agricultural policy and moved: "That in view of the disastrous effect of the European Economic Community common agricultural policy to both producer, consumer and the United Kingdom economy, immediate action should be taken to secure basic changes in the policy, including the abolition of support prices, levies and taxes upon third country food imports, and intervention; that member countries be permitted to support producers at their own cost, and to protect consumers from higher food prices; that marketing boards be established at the discretion of member countries; and that surplus food production be disposed of anywhere in the world, including the EEC, financial losses to be borne by the producing country."

He said that most of Britain's partners in the Common Market were self-supporting in the production of their food, or nearly so. They wished to protect their food producing industries against outside competition and to ensure that it was made difficult for their EEC partners to buy food outside Europe. Britain could buy food outside but had to pay more for it because of the taxes and levies.

The bacon and pig industry was a clear example of why CAP support prices and intervention should be abolished. Because of the Common Market support or subsidy given to the Danish pig and bacon industry through the system of monetary compensatory amounts, competition with the British pig farmers and bacon producers was most unfair. They were working with a load on their shoulders.

A point would be reached where the Danes would be unable to supply all the meat of this kind that Europe required. The demand would be there, the supply would be short and prices would rocket.

Because of these levies and taxes British meat manufacturers were having a bad time. They did not need the best quality prime beef that British farmers in the main produced but customarily bought much cheaper meat outside Europe to put into their pies. This was another reason why the taxes and levies should be removed, so that Britain's food manufacturers were able to operate outside this straitjacket.

Mr Peter Mills (West Devon, C) said there could not be changes in the CAP when many MPs, including ministers, were fundamentally opposed to the EEC.

Food was no longer readily available from other parts of the world and there was a rumour, which the Government should confirm or deny, that there was no longer a surplus of New Zealand butter and cheese and that that country could no longer even fulfil its own commitments.

The best bet for Britain was not to rely on imported food but to provide its own.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said that he detected a growing feeling in the European Parliament, of which he was a member, that the CAP was not working as it had been thought it would work. Many Europeans, like him, had great reservations about the policy.

On the other hand, unqualified condemnation of the policy was equally silly. It had been regarded by some Labour MPs as their whipping boy for expressing their basically anti-European sentiment.

It was criminal folly to spend taxpayers' money to over produce commodities and then put them in deep freeze: no rational person could defend it.

Mr Geraint Howells (Cardigan L) said every minister of agriculture representing Britain from now would find difficulty in negotiating because he was one of Nine.

Farmers would prefer a guaranteed price system because they could plan ahead. If they wanted a stable agricultural industry they must preserve deficiency prices. The sooner they got rid of the intervention system in Europe the better. It was sheer waste of taxpayers' money.

Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab) said there was no longer a British agricultural policy. The policy was decided in Brussels.

The Milk Marketing Board was under threat, an illustration of the evil nature of EEC policy. The European dairy producers were not prepared to allow it to go on as it was. The Commission were more sympathetic, but even their proposals would not permit the board to continue in its present form.

Mr Richard Body (Holland with Boston, C) said the CAP drove an increasing wedge between the producer and the consumer. There was great disquiet about the future so long as they were tied to the present CAP system.

All the items of food that were grown best in this country were in structural and chronic surplus in the Community. The proposal of exporting this food was impracticable and they should not countenance it.

He saw no chance, given the diversity of interest that existed among the Nine, of reforming the CAP in such a way that it would be to the interests of this country, still less the consumer.

Mr Bryan Gould (Southampton, Test, Lab) said it was in the interests of Europe as well as those of this country that the CAP should undergo a fundamental reform. Unless it was tackled in a fundamental way Britain would continue to suffer unacceptable damage.

Mr Colin Shepherd (Hereford, C) said there had been achievements by the CAP in ensuring the continuity of supply and the stability of prices to a large extent.

Mrs Audrey Wise (Coventry, South-West, Lab) said she was against the sort of interference with imports which prevented them getting at the cheapest possible prices the sort of food which could not be grown there. It was crazy to have taxes on imported pineapples when none were grown in Britain or the Common Market, as far as she knew.

It was obscenity of the first order to be discussing agriculture in terms of surpluses when there was no such thing as a food surplus in a world containing starving people.

Mr Michael Jopling, an Opposition spokesman on agriculture (Westmorland) said the Opposition were convinced that much the best way to support home food production was to provide some protection based on variable levies on food imports.

This technique gave the farmer a reasonable assurance of fair returns on his costs of production and therefore gave to the housewife the stability and reasonableness of prices which she sought.

The basic support techniques of the CAP were right. That did not mean that the CAP did not suffer from serious imperfections. Community prices were too high in many instances. Much more self restraint was needed where surpluses were continuing to be produced.

The CAP had not been a disaster. Basically it used the right techniques for pursuing a food policy. Housewives had suffered relatively infrequently from shortages and high prices.

As world population and spending power increased, Britain would be mad to increase the risks which would follow increased exposure to shortages and high prices. It must be right to ask the housewife to pay the premium in exchange for the advantages of increased stability and security.

Continued membership of the Common Market gave this country a greater security of food supplies than it would have if its membership ceased.

Mr Gavin Strang, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Edinburgh, East, Lab), said the Government were committed to the maximum restraint on common prices and were opposed to any price increases where there was a structural surplus.

They were determined to retain the milk marketing boards in this country and to obtain a satisfactory conclusion to the present discussions in the Council of Ministers so that they could settle once and for all the future of the milk boards in the European Community.

The Government intended to ensure that New Zealand had a part to play in supplying sheep meat to the United Kingdom. They were trying to secure a common regime which at the same time, as protecting New Zealand, enabled Britain to expand its sheep meat industry.

The central issue, however, was the great cost of the CAP, which imposed a burden on Britain's balance of payments. It was incredible that the EEC spent more than a quarter of its total budget on disposing of and holding on to enormous surpluses of dairy food.

There was something fundamentally wrong with the CAP and the Government were committed to change it.

The motion was withdrawn.

Bill needed to remove 'new' from pence

The time had come to have a silver pound, Mr Greville Janner (Leicester, West, Lab) said when he initiated an adjournment debate on the reform of the country's notes and coinage.

Consideration should be given to the introduction of a £1 coin. A coin was needed which was convenient in use and would last indefinitely. The average life of a £1 note was 10 months, £5 note 18 months, £10 note two years and £20 note two and a half years. A coin could be expected to have a life of 25 years.

At present there was no coin to fill the gap between the 10p and 50p pieces. He would like to see lighter weight coinage of different shapes. There was no reason why coins should be so bulky, rubbing holes in people's pockets.

Mr Denzil Davies, Minister of State, Treasury (Llanelli, Lab), said that new denominations could only be accepted into circulation at the expense of other denominations, so that for every 20p piece, four fives or two tens would go and this created difficulty for people in not having coins when they needed them, particularly for telephone call boxes and parking meters.

If there were too many different coins, some did not circulate effectively and became more of a nuisance than otherwise.

There was a sufficient element of doubt about the need for new coins to make further consultation and research essential before a decision was taken.

As with the ten shilling note in the 1960s, it was probable that a £1 coin would be cheaper in the long run than a £1 note, but a £1 note was a much more important feature of the currency system than the ten shilling note ever was and the balance between cost and convenience was more difficult to strike.

The Government had no intention of withdrawing the ½p piece. It was still in strong demand and played a significant part in the fight against inflation. The Royal Mint had issued 140 million of them last year in response to demand.

When it was announced some time ago that the word "new" was to be dropped from the decimal coinage, it was believed this could be done by Royal Proclamation but it was clear that an Act was required and he hoped that time would be found for that before long.

House adjourned 4.28 pm.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev C. R. S. Bird, Vicar of St Catherine's, Hatcham, diocese of Southwark, to be examining chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark.

The Rev P. Cotton, priest-in-charge of St George's, Portsea, diocese of Portsmouth, to be also diocesan social work organizer.

The Rev D. Hewitt, Vicar of Smethwick, diocese of Birmingham, to be Team Rector of Littlehampton, diocese of Chichester.

The Rev C. F. Johnson, curate of St Stephen's, Chatham, diocese of Rochester, to be Vicar of Slade Green, same diocese.

The Rev J. A. C. Perrott, curate of Stanford-le-Hope, diocese of Chelmsford, to be Rector of Elmswell, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

The Rev F. C. Simpkins, curate of St Michael and All Angels, Harrow Weald, diocese of London, to be priest-in-charge of St Paul's, Oxgate, same diocese.

The Rev S. K. L. Vick, Vicar of St Paul's, Easthorpe, diocese of Wakefield, to be Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Altofts, same diocese.

Saturday Review

William Hazlitt, man of principle

by Michael Foot



William Hazlitt, in all his glory, at the peak of his powers, still faced a furiously hostile world. Since he would not budge an inch in his opinions, he might have become irredeemably embittered or broken altogether. Instead, he transmuted the way in which he defended his principles into a new serenity.

Born on April 10, 1778, it was not until he was 20 years old, in the year 1798 "(the figures that compose that date are to me like 'the dreaded name of Demogorgon')" that his individual spirit was truly awakened, and not until 25 years again that he described that experience in *My First Acquaintance with Poets*, the greatest essay in the English language.

A year or so later he produced his best book of collected essays. *The Spirit of the Age*. Therein he pinioned, marked, revalued or extolled some two dozen of his most famous contemporaries with an insight and wit which none of his would-be imitators has ever been able to capture. One after another he chipped away at the pedestals of popular heroes, or bestowed upon them a fresh glow of understanding, often anticipating with precision the verdicts of posterity. He was no respecter of conventional judgments from left, right or centre—crusted Tories might find themselves "nearly" forgiven; so-called reformers were rebuked when they befuddled themselves with too much of the milk of human kindness; and those who usually came off worst of all were the whiffling moderates in the middle, ever "strong upon the stronger side", like *The Times* newspaper (yes, even in those days). He hated the inhumanities which his fellow-citizens inflicted upon one another in the world around him; yet he loved the other worlds in which he and they lived, the world of nature, of books, of the theatre, of painting, of music; indeed, the whole wide world of the imagination in which he had seen "the prospect of human happiness and glory ascending like the steps of Jacob's ladder in a bright and never-ending succession". All these assorted moods and aspirations and freshly shaped nuances of judgment he poured into *The Spirit of the Age* with a newly confident profusion.

And yet this masterpiece of a lifetime was abruptly dismissed as too pert and extravagant by the best-known, most genial, Whiggish editor of the day, Francis Jeffrey, and it is impossible to believe that Hazlitt's scorn of the Whigs was not the true cause of a disapprobation so misplaced. (Editors have never been quite the same breed since, for Hazlitt retaliated with an essay which should keep them in their place for eternity—"They are dreadfully afraid there should be anything behind the Editor's chair, greater than the Editor's chair. That is a scandal to be prevented at all risk.") Yet even before Jeffrey had rushed to the defence of his Whig dinner-friends, a printer with a fair enough record for courage thought it judicious at first to publish the volume anonymously, and the suspicion persists that either he or the author or the two together did not wish to risk immediate association on publication day with another volume which had appeared two years before, also published anonymously, but at once unmasked as something too indescribably foul to be mentioned in decent society: Hazlitt's *Liber Amoris*, the product, it was supposed, then and now, of a mind diseased, not to mention a lascivious body and soul.

But let us, for a half-moment at least, leave Hazlitt, the self-confessed fool of love, to return to his unforgettable first acquaintance with poets. Smitten though he still was by the attentions or non-attentions of Sarah Walker, and enfolded in that essay as his customary laments for her cold embraces undoubtedly were ("my heart has never found, nor will it ever find, a heart to speak to"), yet he can recall, with an exhilaration which still tingles in every sentence, all his richest memories, his youth, his father, the first books he read, the first meeting with Coleridge, the visit to Llangollen, "the cradle of a new existence", the journey to Nether Stowey, the first hearing of the Lyrical Ballads from the lips of Wordsworth himself (all in that self-same sacred year of 1798), "and the sense of a new spirit in poetry came over me".

No man ever treasured his youth more joyously than Hazlitt did; no man ever honoured his father better; no man ever discharged with such good faith the debts of honour he owed to the favourite authors of his youth—Burke, Rousseau, Cervantes, Montaigne and a legion more. No critic (except perhaps a few fellow poets, and not many of them) ever heard the strange language of a new school of poetry with such an alert sympathy, and certainly no critic ever welcomed the innovation with greater daring and, despite all subsequent political feuds, with more persistence and warmth.

All these claims can be sustained from the evidence offered in this single essay, written when the love-diseased Hazlitt was, on his own testimony, still in a most desperate condition—"I have wanted only one thing to make me happy, but wanting that, have wanted everything!". There he is again, in the very same essay, bewailing Sarah in one sentence and still in the next quite capable of inflicting one of his most well-considered swipes at Coleridge, and one to be upheld by the scrutiny of modern scholars. It was Hazlitt who first put his finger, without the substantial proof provided since, on Coleridge's addictive plagiarism.

Yet the attempt to rest so heavy a weight on a single essay leaves one wrong impression. It might be truer to say the opposite, as Hazlitt himself said of Burke: that the only specimen of his writing is, *all that he wrote*. In literature, Hazlitt relished the old and welcomed the new. He saw how (and was one of the very first to remark how) Shakespeare achieved "the combination of the greatest extremes". He himself liked to see all sides of a subject, never for the purpose of searching out some muddled middle ground but rather to force an explosive fusion or an entirely new departure. One of his friends bound Burke's *Reflections on the French Revolution* and Thomas Paine's *Rights of Man* between the same covers and said that together they made a good book. A similar treatment could be applied to Hazlitt's writings. Many of his essays seem to be written in pairs, each presenting opposite aspects of the case, one maybe, suffused with the romantic spirit unloosed by Rousseau and the other relentlessly reasserting Hazlitt's conviction that men must not only talk and dream, but act. Always he would still strive to extract the effective conclusion from the clash of contrasts. No such dreamer was ever less of a dilettante. No critic was ever more of a self-critic.

Any such claim would have provoked squeals of protest from those apostate politicians or apostate poets whom Hazlitt berated so fiercely in his lifetime. But most of them never had the chance of reading his *Conversations of Northcote*, which was published in full only after his death.

Many good reasons for reading the *Conversations* may be offered—their sheer readability, the individual charm of the old Plymouth painter, the wonderful assortment of irrelevancies and curiosities which both Northcote and Hazlitt contributed to the pile. But it is hard to escape the belief that Hazlitt had a deeper, if unconscious, purpose. He somehow put into Northcote's mouth most of the current criticisms or condemnations of himself, and then struggled, not always successfully, to find the right retort.

This, unconsciously also perhaps, was what Hazlitt set out to achieve on a much more spacious canvas. Ever since he had carried home in triumph from Shrewsbury to Wem his first book by Edmund Burke, ever since he had been dazzled by that style which he revered more than any other—"His words are the most like things"—ever since he saw how Burke could incite men to action, he came to believe that the master must be answered. "He presents to you", Hazlitt wrote, "one view of the face of society. Let him who thinks he can give the reverse side with equal force, beauty and clearness". Hazlitt's life's work was his great reply. He gave to the English Left a perspective and philosophy as widely ranging as Burke had given to the English Right.

His politics left their brand on every aspect of his writing, just as they governed or disrupted his personal relationships. Someone said that he took his politics around with him, like a giant mastiff, and love me, love my dog was his motto. (Only Sarah was allowed a special dispensation; it is not recorded that he lectured *her* on the evils of Legitimacy, although he did present her with a treasured statuette of Napoleon. But the tide of his political ideas flooded into every cove and inlet of this thought. 1798 was not only the year of the *Lyrical Ballads*; it was also the year of the Reverend Doctor Malthus's *Essay on the Principle of Population as it affects the Future Improvement of Society*. How soon Hazlitt became acquainted and obsessed with this curious literary phenomenon is not clear, but he was certainly the first reader to appreciate to the full the menacing mixture of the apparition. Here, it is true, society was offered a philosophy for the rich, an economic textbook for Tories, a faith as firm as a mathematical equation which could salve their consciences and cast the cloak of religion over the whole scene of human wretchedness in the England of his time. "Malthus", wrote Hazlitt, "had given to the principle of population a personal existence, conceiving of it as a sort of infant Hercules, as one of that terrific giant brood, which you can only master by strangling it in its cradle". And that in turn was how Hazlitt set about Malthus. Without the advantage or encumbrance of expert economic knowledge, with irony and logic and passionate indignation, he exposed the moral consequences of Malthus's infamous clerical decrees.

He thereby anticipated not merely the reply of the economists decades later but the whole temper of nineteenth-century radicalism. He brushed aside the patronizing charity of those who would "take nothing from the rich and give it to the poor", and defended the right to strike with the fervour of a Chartist or a twentieth-century syndicalist. His essays on prison reform and on Benthamism raced beyond the plodding precepts of the utilitarians and came nearer to the ideas of modern psychology. "Men act from passions, and we can only judge of passions by sympathy." Criminals, like the world itself, could not be changed by preaching. Somehow the institutions of society must be changed, and men must show the will to do it.

There Hazlitt did not differ much from his fellow-reformers, but he added his own ingredient to the reforming creed of his time. The reformers themselves needed to understand the human heart if they were to get men to move, and if they were not themselves, in the face of setbacks, to abandon or betray their cause.

So many of the reformers of his time—Robert Owen, for example—who talked so much about the rights of men knew so little about the passions of men. A whole curriculum of schooling for reformers could be compiled from the writings of the Hazlitt whom the nervous nineteenth century would have preferred to dismiss as a wayward romantic essayist. In his mind the interaction between words and deeds could never be severed. Literature was not something removed from life. Books were weapons in the cause of human freedom. And the next immediate deed in the struggle, *the one that mattered*, could not be the work of utopians who would never soil their hands, nor could it be achieved by the arid appeal to reason alone, nor by the economists and utilitarians who inherited the tattered mantle of the revolutionaries. Perhaps the most remarkable of all Hazlitt's feats in imaginative sympathy was the way he, the supreme no-compromizer, none-the-less understood the exigencies of practical politicians.

It was not only that he could appreciate the politicians of the past—say Cromwell, with "his fine, frank, rough, pimply face and wily policy" (Hazlitt was accused of having a pimply face, which doubtless encouraged the show of sympathy); he looked down from the gallery of the House of Commons on the performers below, and had his own list of preferences which can scarcely have accorded with anyone else's, especially those on the left. He preferred Castlereagh to Canning ("One of those spontaneous mechanical sallies of his resembles a *voluntary* played on a barrel organ"), Burdett to Brougham ("He is not a backbone debater. He wants nerve, he wants impetuosity"), the real would-be doers to the self-conscious rhetoricians with all their finical flexibility of purpose and character.

Hazlitt exerted a comparable independence of judgment in every other field too. Naturally he liked to discern the virtues of those whose political views he shared. He was one of the first to see that the formidable pamphleteer, Thomas Paine, was a great writer, and he saw also and won more jeers from fashionable critics, for recognizing that William Cobbett's "plain, broad, downright English" made him "one of the best writers in the language". Of course he paid special honour to the great radical writers of the past, John Milton, Andrew Marvell and many more. But he also wrote more enthusiastically than any previous English critic on a host of others who at first sight might be imagined to have no political hold on him at all—Swift, Pope, Montaigne, Fielding, Cervantes: above all, Shakespeare. Others, like Coleridge, alongside Hazlitt (not anyone hardly *before* him), were encompassing Shakespeare in a new glory. But it was Hazlitt's criticisms which had immediate and lasting impact on two of his greatest contemporaries in Europe, Heinrich Heine and Henri Beyle, alias Stendhal, both of whom came to London and carried the new Shakespearian fashions back across the channel.

Both Haine and Stendhall acknowledged the debt they owed to Hazlitt, which is more than can be said for Wordsworth or Coleridge. Despite his deepening political quarrels with them, Hazlitt never ceased to honour Wordsworth as the great originating poet of the age, and Coleridge still held the central place in his essay as the man who had opened his understanding, "till the light of his genius shone into my soul, like the sun's rays glittering in the puddles of the road".

But intertwined with the tributes—inextricably, as Hazlitt doubtless intended to make sure—were the searing, indelible invectives against those who had deserted the cause of their youth. Wordsworth and Coleridge may be forgiven if they failed to turn their Christian cheeks; what they should never be forgiven—for neither was exactly a paragon of sexual virtue—were the Lakeside libels against Hazlitt's alleged sexual antics which they unloosed, not in any sudden fit of outrage at the time, but long after the unspecified exploits had supposedly occurred. However, the point concerns not the Wordsworth-cum-Coleridge intolerance, but Hazlitt's magnanimity. Long after he had plentiful evidence of the venomous gossip with which they had pursued him, even to the point of threatening his most treasured friendships with the Lambs and Leigh Hunt, he still would not be shifted from his recognition of their greatness. Literary cliques are not noted for their generosity. Hazlitt refused to be suffocated even when he had been driven, by the pressures of politics, into a clique of one.

However, for all his readiness to stand alone, for all his gift for solitude, his individuality won him some unexpected or idiosyncratic friends—John Cavanagh, the fives player, or William Bewick, the engraver, or James Northcote, the portrait painter, or William Hone, the allegedly blasphemous bookseller, or the young ex-medical student who came to his lectures, accompanied him on the journeys to Leigh Hunt in the Vale of Health on Hampstead Heath, and who had shown "the greatest promise of genius of any poet of his day". Hazlitt, alas, never wrote a full-scale essay on John Keats, but almost every fresh study reinforces Keats's own testimony of how intricate and all-pervasive was the Hazlitt influence upon him. "The whole cadence of his (Keats's) prose", writes Robert Gittings, "is that of Hazlitt whose reviews he seems to have had nearly by heart". It was Hazlitt lecturing at the Institution across Blackfriars Bridge or Hazlitt talking on the walk to Hampstead, or Hazlitt writing in Leigh Hunt's *Examiner*, who was responsible for most of the introductions which made Keats a poet—to Shakespeare, to Wordsworth and several more. In particular, it was Hazlitt who introduced Keats to his favourite Wordsworthian poem, *The Excursion*, at a time when Wordsworth was still rejected and neglected in fashionable quarters. Here was just another example of Hazlitt's "disinterestedness" which Keats so much admired and emulated. Keats, of course, shared Hazlitt's political aversions, as he discovered to his disquiet when he called at Wordsworth's home in the Lakes only to find that the poet of cloud and cataract was out canvassing for the Cumberland Tories. Anyhow, thanks to modern scholarship and Mr Gittings more especially, the truth is now established beyond challenge. Henceforth Keats and Hazlitt climb Parnassus roped together, and a terrible curse of combined Hazlittean-Kearsian power must fall upon anyone who would tear them apart.

What other critic in English literary history, or any other literary history for that matter, ever had such a pupil? And yet poetry was not Hazlitt's first love, and never even at any time his all-consuming passion. He had set out in early youth to become a painter, and he made good use of all he learnt, becoming (in the words of Lord Clark) "the best English critic before Ruskin". He was there at the Drury Lane theatre on the night of Edmund Kean's first appearance as Shylock, and the meeting was one of the most memorable in the history of the English theatre. He was, as Professor R. L. Brett wrote this year in an excellent commemorative essay, "the first critic to take the novel seriously". Yet none of these pursuits were the ones which touched him most closely. His pride was that he was a philosopher. In that first essay describing his meeting with the poets he tells of the tears he wept in the long, and at first vain, exertion to get words on to paper. It was nearly six years after the sacred year of 1798 before he finally succeeded in completing his little-read and not-easily readable *Essay on the Principles of Human Action*. Like other painfully delivered first children, it remained his favourite, especially as no one else showed any liking for the brat.

He finished that first book at the age of 26; he died at the age of 52. What he truly wrote in that bare quarter of a century interval was a vast, rambling, astringent, Montaigne-like autobiography, which abjured all the self-worshipping postures both he and Keats so much detested, but which yet succeeds in telling as much as any man ever told about his convictions, his tastes, his emotions, his enthusiasms, and how he strove perpetually to subject them to the most severe tests at his command. It is surely this open invitation to explore the well-nigh inexhaustible resources, "the whole compass and circuit of his mind" which makes the titles "essayist" or "critic" such feeble terms to describe what he sought to accomplish.

Some fine biographers have already made the exploration too, notably P. P. Howe, the devoted and inspired editor of his Collected Works, or Herschell Baker, author of the only volume which deserves to be set alongside Howe's, and, on a lower shelf, Hesketh Pearson's *The Fool of Love*, and Augustine Birrell's not-to-be-despised pre-1914 volume. For a real addition to the existing store of knowledge we shall have to await the forthcoming new biography by the wisest as well as the most thorough of Hazlitt scholars, Professor Stanley Jones, whose contributions to the learned journals have already disposed of several anti-Hazlitt canards.

Meantime, let us return afresh to Hazlitt's evidence against himself. Only two themes which figure prominently in his life are left in an unfinished state in his writings. The first concerns his religion, and it is indeed surprising that one born and bred as a Celtic dissenter, one who shared so eagerly the Puritan vision of his country's history, one who knew every step in John Bunyan's pilgrimage, one who would have fought and died for the true religion's cause at Burford, one who indeed wrote about every other subject under the sun, hardly ever made any direct reference to any religious topic, less still any religious conviction.

He mocked the Papists ("Nothing to be said against their religion but that it is contrary to reason and common sense"), side-kicked the Presbyterians ("Weighing their doubts and scruples to the division of a hair, and shivering on the narrow brink that divides philosophy from religion"), damned the Methodists ("They plunge without remorse into hell's flames, soar on the wings of divine love, are carried away with the motions of the spirit, are lost in the abyss of unfathomable mysteries—election, reprobation, predestination—and revel in a sea of boundless nonsense"), heaped secular scorn on the Laodicean Anglicans ("Satan lies in wait for them in a pinch of snuff, in a plate of buttered toast, in the kidney end of a loin of veal"), and extolled the true Dissenters for keeping their covenant, as the stars keep their courses. But he avoided all deep religious arguments, and one reason may be that he wished to give no open offence to his father. He himself had been intended for the Unitarian Ministry and he knew how his family were disappointed when he was seduced from that vocation by his first dream that one day he would be able to say with Corregio: "I also am a painter", and, even more, by his later resolve to pursue the wicked trade of Swift, Défoe and such-like infidels. But the tact of father and son, towards each other if towards no one else, was such that no shadow was allowed to fall across their relationship. What would have happened if Sarah Walker had appeared on the scene while his father was still alive, none can tell. Somehow, surely, that part of the story had to be told, just as poor Hazlitt felt he had to let everyone into the secret, everybody he bumped into in every tavern from Southampton Row to Chancery Lane. It is the only part of his love life which Hazlitt has revealed, and it has naturally been pursued by scholars with prurient dedication.

Fashions, of course, have changed altogether about the *Liber Amoris*. Stevenson was so shocked by it that he gave up the idea of writing Hazlitt's life. Augustine Birrell, whose biography was otherwise laudatory, wished to consign the offending volume to "the realms of things unspeakable, fit only for the midden". Even the most learned and authoritative of modern biographers, Herschel Baker, turns aside in horror from Hazlitt in love, and even Professor R. L. Brett, a most eminent Coleridgean, invokes the *Liber Amoris* to justify some of the old Lakeside libels on Hazlitt's youthful sex life. How Coleridge and Wordsworth would have rubbed their pious hands at the thought. And yet in modern times too Hazlitt has been better enabled to speak for himself. In the excellent Penguin *Selected Writings* (published in 1970 and edited by Ronald Blythe), the *Liber Amoris* is printed in full but also printed where it ought to be, alongside his other writings, and Ronald Blythe also gives proper recognition to two others before him who have helped rescue the book from the midden.

It was indeed only as late as 1948—well over a hundred years after that "sweet apparition", or, if you wish, that "slimy marble varnished fiend" had turned her glance so fatally upon him—that any commentator appreciated to the full the nature of Hazlitt's agony. Charles Morgan wrote in that year an entirely new kind of introduction to the despised volume in which he invoked the case-knowledge of modern psychology, partly to explain Hazlitt but, even more remarkably, to reveal how much of modern discoveries in this field Hazlitt had anticipated. Morgan also made a most discriminating comparison between Hazlitt and Stendhal, Hazlitt's contemporary whom he resembled in so many aspects, although most notably *not* in philandering bravado or technique. Just at the moment when Hazlitt was making obeisance before the statue he had erected, Stendhal was writing his own book of love, *De L'Amour*, in which the Hazlittean trauma, disease, madness, idyll, is immortally diagnosed.

Soon afterwards the two men met in Paris. Stendhal gave his book to Hazlitt who must have read it on his journey onwards towards the two mistresses they shared, Rome and Venice. I have often wondered: how Hazlitt's hair must have stood on end, as he turned over those burning pages; now he must have marvelled at this French sympathiser who understood his predicament with Sarah so much better than his own countrymen; (and how he must have concealed the volume from his new sedate wife who was making part of the journey with him).

"She is dead to me, but what she once was to me can never die". That was Hazlitt's own epitaph on the affair, but perhaps Stendhal even helped finally to soothe his passion. As Morgan says, one extraordinary feature was that Hazlitt was "the sane, unsparing analyst of his own madness", and yet Stendhal conducted the analysis afresh, and with an even greater clinical precision, and with a sense of humour too (and even with an invocation of the name of Montaigne, sacred to Hazlitt certainly), to recall sexual fiascoes as remarkable as his own. Hazlitt surely must have been gratified to be assured, after such painful torture and on such high combined authority, that he was not so abnormal a creature after all.

With or without the help of psycho-analytical treatment from "my friend Mr Beyle", Hazlitt did recover. The period of six or seven years, between his escape from Sarah's listless clutches and his death in 1830, is not by any reckoning a famous one in English history, and for Hazlitt especially it must have seemed craven and squalid. All his soaring political hopes had been shattered; Jacob's ladder had collapsed. No proper acclaim for his literary powers came from most of his fellow-countrymen; he was still an outcast. He embarked on what even his few remaining devoted friends considered to be a chronic wastage of his talents, a monumental Life of Napoleon, which threatened to bury him altogether. Money troubles hit him harder even than ever before; for the first time in his life he spent some months in prison for debt. Yet neither his courage nor his genius was impaired. On the contrary: made ridiculous in love, staring political defeat in the face, libelled by his enemies, harried by creditors, the Hazlitt who was often upbraided for ill-temper wrote with an ever-increasing equilibrium, almost optimism. He reasserted the convictions of his youth with something of the old exhilaration, and not only in the field of politics, and he did it with mellowness but without a hint of retreat, without a tincture of weakness or cynicism.

"Really it is wonderful how little the worse I am for 15 years' wear and tear, how I come upon my legs again on the ground of truth and nature, and 'look abroad into universality', forgetting there is any such person as myself in the world."

How little diseased was that mind. He is, wrote William Bewick, "the Shakespeare prose writer of our glorious century; he outdoes all in truth, style and originality". That was the view expressed by the excited young art student who attended one of Hazlitt's lectures in the company of the equally excited John Keats. Very few agreed with them at the time, and when he died, the political furies which had beaten upon him while he lived did not quickly abate. However, through the influence of his own writings, his literary reputation has steadily increased until today, on the second centenary of his birth, it stands higher than it ever did. William Bewick's tribute no longer looks like a youthful exaggeration.

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Sunday 9 April 3.15 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Sergiu Celibidache (conductor) Stravinsky Three dances from Petrushka; Debussy Iberia; Brahms Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98 £4.30, £3.60, £2.85, £2.20 (All others sold)	LSO Ltd.
Sunday 9 April 7.30 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Walter Susskind (cond.) Sylvia Rosenberg (violin). Holst Oriental Suite, Beni Mora; Mendelssohn Violin Concerto in E minor, Op. 64; Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 in E minor, Op. 64 £3.85, £3.50, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10	LPO Ltd.
Monday 10 April 8 p.m.	ITZHAK PERLMAN (violin) VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY (piano) Beethoven Cycle Sonatas for violin and piano: Beethoven Sonata in A, Op. 30 No. 1; Sonata in G, Op. 30 No. 3; Sonata in A minor, Op. 23; Sonata in F, Op. 24 (Spring). £1.50, £1.00 (All others sold)	Harrison Parrott Ld.
Tuesday 11 April 8 p.m.	LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Sergiu Celibidache (conductor) Verdi Overture, La Forza del Destino; Hindemith Symphony, Mathis der Maler; Prokofiev Suite, Romeo and Juliet. £1.80, £3.00, £2.85, £2.20, £1.65 (only)	LSO Ltd.
Wednesday 12 April 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Kurt Sanderling (conductor) Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich (piano) Haydn Symphony No. 80 in D; Bartók Piano Concerto No. 2; Shostakovich Symphony No. 6, Op. 54. £3.85, £3.50, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10	BBC
Thursday 13 April 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobos (cond.) Yehudi Menuhin (violin); Respighi Ancient Airs and Dances (Set 1); Brahms Violin Concerto in D, Op. 77; Dvorak Symphony No. 7 in D minor, Op. 70. £1.30, £3.50, £2.80, £2.30 (only)	LPO Ltd.
Friday 14 April 8 p.m.	NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN Charles Dutoit (cond.) Kyung-Wha Chung (violin) Mendelssohn Overture, A Midsummer Night's Dream; Beethoven Violin Concerto in D, Op. 61; Kodály Suite, Háry János; Stravinsky Suite, The Firebird (1919). £3.50, £3.00, £2.50, £1.75, £1.50, 50p	NYO of G.B.
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Monday 17 April 8 p.m.	ITZHAK PERLMAN (violin) VLADIMIR ASHKENAZY (piano) Beethoven violin and piano sonatas. Beethoven Sonata in A, Op. 12 No. 2; Sonata in G, Op. 96; Sonata in C minor, Op. 30 No. 2. £4.00, £3.00, £2.50, £1.50, £1.00	Harrison Parrott Ltd.
Tuesday 18 April 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobos (cond.) Pascal Rogé (piano) Rimsky-Korsakov Capriccio Espagnol; Saint-Saëns Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22; Beethoven Symphony No. 6 in F, Op. 68 (Pastoral). £3.85, £3.50, £2.75, £2.20, £1.65, £1.10	LPO Ltd.
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Wednesday 12 April 7.45 p.m.	ENGLISH BAROQUE ORCHESTRA Leon Lovett (cond.) Boyce Ov. No. 11 in D; Bach B'burg Concerto No. 2; Suite No. 3; Corelli Concerto Grosso in G minor; Handel Arrival of Queen of Sheba; Concerto Grosso in D; Arne Ovt. No. 7 in D. £2.50, £2.20, £1.80, £1.50, £1.00	EBO Ltd.
Thursday 13 April 7.45 p.m.	CATHERINE COLLARD Piano Recital. Bach/Liszt Prelude and Fugue in A minor; Brahms Six Pieces, Op. 118; Schumann Papillons, Op. 2; Sonata No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22. £2.20, £1.80, £1.40, 90p	De Koos Concert Management
Friday 14 April 7.45 p.m.	LONDON BACH ORCHESTRA Martindale Sidwell (cond.) Boyce Symphony No. 4; Bach B'burg Concerto No. 3; Telemann Concerto in E; Bononcini Sinfonia Decima; Mozart Violin Concerto No. 3 in D. £2.50, £2.20, £1.75, £1.50, £1.00	London Bach Orch.
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Sunday 16 April 3 p.m.	ALBAN BERG QUARTET Mozart String Quartet in B flat, K.458 (Hunt); Wolf Italian Serenade; Beethoven String Quartet in F, Op. 59 No. 1 (Rasumovsky). £1.80, £1.60, £1.20, 80p	Anglo-Austrian Music Society
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Tuesday 18 April 7.45 p.m.	CONTRAPUNCTI Michael Lankester (cond.) Myrha Saxophone Quartet. Dinah Harris (soprano), Richard Stilgoe (narrator). Bennett Jazz Calendar; Jacob Song for soprano and wind quintet (1st Lond. perf.); Swiss Songs for 21 (1st perf.); Walton Façade. £2.00, £1.50, £1.25, 90p	Kate Ash
Wednesday 19 April 7.45 p.m.	NORTHERN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Nicholas Smith (cond.) Vivaldi Violin Concerto in G; Rolla Divertimento for viola and strings; Haydn Cello Concerto in D; Wilfred Josephs Saratoga Concerto (1st Lond. perf.). £2.50, £2.00, £1.50, £1.00, 60p	Ibbs and Tillett
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Sunday 9 April 7 p.m.	ENGLISH TASKIN PLAYERS (Carmel Kaine violin, Charles Tunnell cello, Neil Black oboe, Elizabeth Werry harpsichord). Sonatas and Trios by Handel, Tartini, Loeillet, Telemann, J. S. & C. P. E. Bach. J. S. Bach French Suite No. 4. £2.00, £1.50 (only)	Jane Gray
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Tuesday 11 April 7.30 p.m.	MARGARET NEWMAN Piano. Mozart Sonata in C minor, K.457; Dedeson Piano Sonata in F; Chopin Ballade No. 1 in G minor; Nocturne in C sharp minor; Bartók Rumanian Dance, Op. 8a; Prokofiev Sonata No. 2, Op. 14. £2.00, £1.50, £1.00	Elisabeth Skinner Concert Management
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Thursday 13 April 7.30 p.m.	ADAM KORNISZEWSKI (violin) EWA KORNISZEWSKA (piano). Mozart Sonata in A, K.526; Bartók Sonata No. 2; Prokofiev Sonata No. 1 in F minor, Op. 80. (Please note change of artists and programme). £1.50, £1.20, 90p, 60p	New Era International Concerts Ltd.
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APRIL 25-30 & MAY 7

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TALK OF THE TOWN. 734 5051. From 8 p.m. Dine Dance: 9.30. Revue RAZZLE DAZZLE and at 11: MADELINE BELL

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861. Sep. perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: THE 12 TASKS OF ASTERIX (U). Wk. & Sun.: 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. 2: THE GOODBYE GIRL (A). Wk. & Sun.: 2.00, 5.10, 8.10.

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. Bunuel's THAT OBSCURE OBJECT OF DESIRE (X). 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.45.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Claude Goretta's THE LACE-MAKER (AA). Progs. 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Bertolucci's THE SPIDER'S STRATAGEM (A). Progs. 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

CAMDEN PLAZA (opp. Camden Town Tube). 485 2443. Melville's classic Resistance thriller THE ARMY IN THE SHADOWS (AA). 3.10, 5.45, 8.25. 11.00.

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave. 734 5414. TAXI DRIVER (X). Cont. perfs. Dly 2.20, 6.35. Late Show Fri 11.00 p.m. SHAMPOO (X). Cont. perfs. Dly. 4.20, 8.35. Late Show Sat 11.00 p.m.

CURZON, Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737. PARDON MON AFFAIRE (X). (English sub-titles). "A Sparkling New French Comedy. Directed with finesse by Yves Robert."—Sunday Express. Progs. 1.50 (not Sun.) 3.55, 6.10 and 8.30.

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CINEMAS

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Weekend broadcasting

TV CHOICE

3.10 pm ITV International Sports Special has live coverage of a modern spectacle—18-year-old Eddie Kidd trying to jump 14 double-decker buses (145ft) on his motorbike. If you can't bear to watch, wait for the result on the news. **(10.05 pm BBC 2)** The row over our efforts to appease Stalin by sending thousands of Russians to death and imprisonment after the war has prompted the BBC to show again its film on the subject **Orders from Above.** On a lighter note, there is some long overdue recognition for the Carry On films on **The South Bank Show (10.15 pm, ITV).** American director Paul Morissey defends British corny humour, with contributions from Kenneth Williams, Peter Cook and Dudley Moore.

Tomorrow
Religious education, compulsory in schools but widely seen by teachers as an embarrassing anachronism, raises tricky questions about who is responsible for teaching children about right and wrong. **Credo (6.25 pm, ITV),** bravely, tackles some of them. **(8.05 pm, BBC 1)** Music, however, is flourishing among the young, as the final of the Young Musician of the Year competition demonstrates. Each of the four finalists is a winner in his or her class—piano, brass, strings and woodwind. The last few minutes of the competition clash with the start of a very special treat **(9.45 pm BBC 2) : Spirit of Place—Lawrence Durrell's Egypt,** director Peter Adam. Durrell revisits scenes of his youth—the Alexandria of the Alexandria Quartet. Then, moving south, he tries by a mixture of readings, commentaries, and breathtaking photography to catch "the stillness that Egypt always conveys ; the slow, green blood-time of the Nile".

Philip Venning

FILMS

Tonight **(BBC 2, midnight)** there is **The Reckless Moment,** starring James Mason and Joan Bennett. On Wednesday BBC 2 starts a mini-season of vintage Hollywood musicals with **Broadway Melody of 1940 (9.30 pm)** which, despite a backstage plot as silly as the rest, has Fred Astaire, Eleanor Powell and Cole Porter numbers which include "Begin the Beguine".

Another oldie that is pleasant enough is the original—non-musical—1946 version of **Anna and the King of Siam (tomorrow, BBC 1, 1.55),** lavishly decorated, sedately directed by the British-born Hollywood veteran John Cromwell, and starring Rex Harrison and Irene Dunne as the King and the Governess.

The best of the more modern pictures is Norman Jewison's **The Cincinatti Kid (tomorrow, BBC2, 8.05),** made in 1965, a finely atmospheric period piece set in the smoky world of New Orleans professional poker-players, with Edward G. Robinson as the undefeatable champ and Steve McQueen as the brash young challenger. For Western enthusiasts there is George Marshall's stolid and traditional **The Savage (today, BBC 2, 6.45),** with a very young (1952) Charlton Heston. **The Heist (Monday, BBC 1, 9.25)** is a watchable and well-plotted bank robbery comedy with Warren Beatty and Goldie Hawn : though the director Richard Brooks pursues the illusion of a voguish, modern style too strenuously. Today's comedies are both rather vapid. **Bachelor in Paradise (tonight, BBC 1, 10.25),** directed by Jack Arnold, has Bob Hope as a lonelyhearts journalist, and such nice ladies as Lana Turner, Paula Prentiss and Agnes Moorehead. **Forever Darling (this afternoon, BBC 2, 3.0)** has less to recommend it, with James Mason playing guardian angel rather tiresomely to the I Love Lucy couple, Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball.

David Robinson

SATURDAY TV

BBC 1

8.55 am, Playboard. 9.10, The Oddball Couple. 9.35, The Record Breakers. 10.00, Indoors Outdoors. 10.25, Film, Bachelor in Paradise, with Bob Hope, Lana Turner. 12.10 pm, Bugs Bunny. 12.30, Grandstand: 12.35, Football Focus; 1.05, Flat Season '78: 1.20, Boxing: 1.50, 2.25, 3.05, Racing from Newbury; 2.05, 2.35, Basketball, Guinness National Cup Final. 3.15, Squash Rackets, Avis British Open Championships ; 3.50, Rugby, St Helens v Warrington ; 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Batman.

5.35 News.
5.50 Fish, with Abe Vigoda, Florence Stanley.
6.15 Rolf on Saturday—OK ?
6.45 Film: The Savage, with Charlton Heston.
8.15 Val Doonican Music Show.
9.00 Kojak.
9.50 News.
10.00 Match of the Day: FA Cup Semi-finals, Ipswich v West Bromwich Albion and Orient v Arsenal.
11.00 Saturday Night at the Mill.
11.50 Weather.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 9.35-10.00 am. Telefiant. SCOTLAND: 4.55-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 6.45-5.50, Scoreboard. 10.00-10.30, Sportscene. 10.30-11.00, Falkirk Folk. NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.00-5.10 pm, Scoreboard. 5.45-5.50, Northern Ireland News.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: The Imperial Roman Army; 8.05, Technology; 8.30, Looking at Poems; 8.55, Cues and Schemas; 9.20, Drugs : The Industry and the Regulators; 9.45, Sundials : 10.10, The Digital Computer; 10.35, Thermal Analysis; 11.00, Cells and Organisms; 11.25, The Nature of Chemistry; 11.50, Multiplexing; 12.15 pm, Television and Politics—America (4); 12.40, R. M. Schindler: 1.05, The Aratar: Concept and Example; 1.30-1.55, Semiconductors. 3.00, 4.30, Film: Forever, Darling, with Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, James Mason. 6.05, Planets. Royal Institution Lectures. part 1: The Earth as a planet. 7.05, Open Door: Electoral Reform Campaign presents Democracy, Shamocracy ?

7.30 News.
7.45 Network, from BBC Wales : Sutherland in Wales.
8.15 Ashkenazy Plays Mozart.
9.35 Second City Firsts. Play from Birmingham: The Back Page, by Andrew Nickolds and Stan Hey.
10.05 Orders from Above: Robert Vas's film about the repatriation of Russians to the USSR 1944/47.
12.00 News.
12.05-1.30 am, Film: The Reckless Moment, with James Mason, Joan Bennett.*

* Black and white.

London Weekend

8.35 am, Funky Phantom (r). 9.00, Sesame Street. 10.00, Our Show. 11.00, The Monkees (r). 12.00, Spencer's Pilots. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, Motor Cycling, John Player Transatlantic Series; and Motor Racing, U.S. Grand Prix West. 1.15, News. 1.20, The ITV Six: 1.30, Hexham; 1.45, Doncaster; 2.00, Hexham; 2.15, Doncaster; 2.30, Hexham; 2.55, Doncaster. 3.10, Gymnastics. Moscow News Championships; and Motor Cycle Jumping, Eddie Kidd Stunt Jump. 3.50, Half-time Soccer Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.

5.05 News.
5.15 Happy Days.
5.45 Logan's Run.
6.45 Celebrity Squares.
7.30 Man from Atlantis.
8.30 Sale of the Century.
9.00 Enemy at the Door.
10.00 News.
10.15 The South Bank Show: Carry On with Morissey.
11.15 London Weekend Show : Rent Boys.
12.00 Stars on Ice.
12.25 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

HTV

9.05 am, Build Your Own Boat. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.45, Celebrity Squares. 6.30, Logan's Run. 7.30, The Streets of San Francisco. 8.30, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Smith. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 5.45 pm, Cartoon. 6.00-6.30, Canolfan.

Westward

9.00 am, The Lost Islands. 9.25, Fantastic Voyage. 9.50, Film: Treasure Island. 11.30, Gus Honeybun. 11.35, Island of Adventure. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 11.15, Film: Mine Own Executioner, with Burgess Meredith.* 12.40 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.00 am, Captain Nemo. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Southern. 6.00, Code R. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Film: A Bullet is Waiting, with Jean Simmons, Rory Calhoun. 9.00, London. 11.15, Southern. 12.15 am, At the End of the Day.

Scottish

9.00 am, Build Your Own Boat. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Film: Sergeant Ryker, with Lee Marvin, Bradford Dillman, Vera Miles. 9.00, London. 11.15, Late Call. 11.20-12.15 am, The Sweeney (r).

Channel

12.18 pm, Puffin. 12.30, London. 5.45, Logan's Run. 6.15, Happy Days. 6.45, London. 10.00, ATV. 11.15, Film: Mine Own Executioner. 12.40 am, Weather.

Grampian

9.00 am, Scene on Saturday. 9.25, Skippy. 9.50, Spiderman. 10.15, Clue Club. 10.45, Island of Adventure. 11.30, Space 1999. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Film: Duel, with Dennis Weaver, Jacqueline Scott, Eddie Firestone. 9.00, London. 11.15, Southern. 12.15 am, Reflections.

Tyne Tees

9.05 am, Solo One. 9.35, Film: The Spanish Main, with Paul Henreid, Maureen O'Hara. 11.30, Run Joe, Run. 12.00, I am the Greatest—the Adventures of Muhammad Ali. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern 7.30, Film: Sergeant Ryker, with Lee Marvin. 9.00, London. 11.15, The Streets of San Francisco. 12.15 am, Epilogue.

Yorkshire

9.00 am, Adventures of Muhammad Ali. 9.25, You Can Make It. 9.50, Film: Climb an Angry Mountain, with Fess Parker. 11.30, Funky Phantom. 12.00, Run Joe Run. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Film: Sergeant Ryker. 9.00, London. 11.15-12.15 am, The Outsiders.

Ulster

10.00 am, Film: Hey There, It's Yogi Bear. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Granada. 9.00, London. 11.15-12.10 am, Police Woman.

ATV

9.05 am, Mum's the Word. 9.30, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, The Six Million Dollar Man. 6.15, Celebrity Squares. 7.00, Oh No, It's Selwyn Froggitt (r). 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, The Sweeney. 9.00, Enemy at the Door. 10.00, News. 10.15, The South Bank Show. 11.15-12.40 am, Rich Man, Poor Man (r).

Southern

8.50 am, Weekend. 9.00, Sesame Street. 10.00, Our Show. 11.00, Code R. 11.55, Weekend. 12.05 am, Happy Days. 12.30, London. 5.15, Celebrity Squares. 6.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, Columbo. 9.00, ATV. 11.15, Within these Walls. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Kenneth Williams.

Granada

9.30 am, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Film, Van Heflin in Tanganyika. 9.00, ATV. 11.45-1.35 am, Film : Countess Dracula, with Ingrid Pitt.

Border

9.05 am, Build Your Own Boat. 9.30, ATV. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Logan's Run. 6.15, ATV. 7.00, Southern. 7.30, Film: Destination Gobi, with Richard Widmark, Don Taylor. 9.00, London. 11.15-12.15 am, The Outsiders.

SUNDAY TV

BBC 1

9.00 am, The Flumps. 9.15, I See What You Mean. 9.40, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 10.10, Parosi. 10.25, Wordpower. 10.50, Kontakte. 11.15, The Living City. 11.40, On the Move. 11.50, Parents and Children. 12.15 pm, Sunday Worship from City Temple, London. 1.00, Farming. 1.25, Knitting. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film: Anna and the King of Siam, with Irene Dunne, Rex Harrison, Linda Darnell.* 4.00, Bugs Bunny. 4.10, Eurovision Song Contest Preview. 4.45, The High Chaparral.

5.35 News.
5.45 Lorna Doone, by R. D. Blackmore, part 1.
6.40 Songs of Praise from Bainbridge Memorial Methodist Church, Newcastle upon Tyne.
7.15 All Creatures Great and Small.
8.05 Young Musician of the Year, the final.
9.55 News.
10.05 Cross Question. Can Christians be Conservative ?
10.40 Film 78.
11.10 The British Connection ?
11.35 Weather.

* Black and white

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 1.55-2.45 pm, Story. 2.45, Dech i r Ardd. 3.15, Sport: Rugby, Pontypridd v Llanelli: Senior Welsh Amateur Boxing Association Championships. 4.35, Twndish. 5.05-5.35 am, Man and Boy. 10.40-11.05, Addicts All. 11.05, The British Connexion ? 11.30, News. SCOTLAND: 11.50-12.15 pm, Help Yourself to Health.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Analysing Social Interaction; 8.05, The Periodic Table; 8.30, M101/8 Inequalities; 8.55, Instrumentation; 9.20, Computing; 9.45, Semiconductors ; 10.10, Pure Maths ; 10.35, Housing in Haringey; 11.00, The Sociological Perspective; 11.25, Drawings of Seurat; 11.50, Mechanics; 12.15, Science and Belief; 12.40, Revolutions of 1848; 1.05, Management in Education; 1.30-1.55, Soviet Government and Politics. 2.55, Money Programme; Can We Afford the Self-employed ? 3.30, Americans: The Immigrant. 4.20, Arena : Art and Design: Patrick Hughes and John Abbott. 4.55, Men of Ideas: The Philosophy of Science. 5.40, Rugby, London Scottish v SRU President's XV.

6.40 News Review.
7.15 The World About Us. Voyage of the Hokule'a.
8.05 Film, The Cincinatti Kid.
9.45 Spirit of Place. Lawrence Durrell's Egypt.
11.00 News.
11.05-12.00, Fivepenny Piece with Mike Harding.

London Weekend

9.05 am, Old House—New Home (r). 9.30, Link. 10.00, Morning Worship from St Peter's, Winchester. 11.00, Out of Town. 11.30, Happy Days (r). 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, London Weekend Show (r). 1.30, Cartoon. 1.45, University Challenge. 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Lucan. 4.15, Survival: The secret Valley (r). 4.45, Doctor on the Go (r) 5.15, Wedding Day: Irish Catholics of West London. 5.45, the Doomboit Chase.

6.15 News.
6.25 Credo.
6.50 Stars on Sunday.
7.15 The Muppet Show, with Pearl Bailey.
7.45 Film: Nearest and dearest (1972), with Hylda Baker, Jimmy Jewel.
9.20 A Play for Love: The Marriage Counsellor, with Felicity Kendal, James Grout.
10.20 News.
10.35 Golf: United States Masters.
12.15 am, Epilogue.
(r) Repeat.

HTV

9.30 am, London. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Make it Count. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Studio Bowls. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Cartoons. 2.15, London. 3.15, Film: King Solomon's Mines, with Deborah Kerr, Stewart Granger, Richard Carlson. 5.15-12.15 pm, London. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 5.15-5.45 pm, Cred a Chrefft.

ATV

9.05 am, How to Stay Alive. 9.30, The Building of the Tower of London. 10.00, London. 11.00, Old House, New Home (r). 11.25, Captain Nemo. 11.30, Link. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.00 pm, Space 1999. 2.00, Star Soccer. 3.00, Film: Roman Holiday, with Gregory Peck, Audrey Hepburn. 5.15-12.15 am, London.

Southern

9.05 am, Old House, New Home. 9.30, Link. 10.00, London. 11.00, How to Stay Alive. 11.27, Weather. 11.30, Farm Progress. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Cartoon. 1.15, Batman. 1.45, Westway. 2.15, London. 3.15, Film: The Law and the Lady, with Greer Garson. 5.10, Southern News. 5.15, London. 12.15 am, Weather; Kenneth Williams.

Ulster

10.30 am, Link. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Build Your Own Boat. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Landscape. 1.30, Big Blue Marble. 1.45, Cartoon Way. 2.15, London. 3.15, Havoc. 3.45, Film, The Enormous Prawn. 5.15, Sunday Insight. 5.45, London. 6.25, My Vision. 6.50, London. 12.15 am, Sports Results.

Channel

2.13 pm, Weather. 2.15, London. 3.15 Film. 5.15, London. 12.15 am, Devenish. 12.40, Epilogue. Weather.

Granada

9.30 am, Old House, New Home. 10.00, London. 11.00, Link. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Out of Work. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Survival. 1.30, Out of Town. 2.00, Cartoon. 2.10, London. 3.05, Film: Susan Hampshire in David Copperfield. 5.15, London. 12.15-12.45 am, George Hamilton IV.

Tyne Tees

9.05 am, London. 11.00, Southern. 11.25, Where the Jobs Are. 11.30, David Niven's World. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Impact. 1.15, Cartoon. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Sporting Chance. 2.30, London. 3.30, Film, The 39 Steps, with Kenneth More. 5.15, London. 12.15 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.05 am, London. 10.00, Cartoon. 10.05, Credo. 10.30, Les Petits Chanteurs à la Croix de Bois. 11.00, Southern. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Drive In. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Challenge of the Sexes. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Happy Days. 2.30, Space 1999. 3.30, Glen Michael Cavalcade. 4.15, Scotsport. 5.15, London. 6.25, My Vision. 6.50, London. 12.15 am, Late Call.

Yorkshire

9.05 am, London. 11.00, Landscape. 11.30, Farming. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Calendar Sunday. 1.25, Cartoon. 1.35, Emmerdale Farm. 2.30, Football. 3.50, Film: The Seven Year Itch, with Marilyn Monroe, Tom Ewell. 5.15-12.15 am, London.

Westward

9.30 am, London. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Old House, New Home. 12.00, ATV. 12.55 pm, Lock Up, Light Up. 1.15, Reardon on Snooker. 1.45, Farm and Country News. 2.15, London. 3.15, Film: With a Song in My Heart, with Susan Hayward. 5.15, London. 12.15 am, Devenish. 12.40, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.05 am, London. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, The Beachcombers (r). 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Gardening. 1.30, Weather. 1.35, Farming. 2.05, Cartoon. 2.15, London. 3.15, The Little House on the Prairie. 4.15, Sidney Devine. 5.15, London. 12.15 am, The Bible for Today.

Border

9.00 am, London. 11.00, Southern. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Drive-In. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Inner Space. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Border Diary. 2.05, Cartoon. 2.15, London. 3.15, Film: The Sound Barrier, with Ralph Richardson, Ann Todd.* 5.15-12.15 am, London.

Grampian

10.15 am, Link. 10.45, Morning Worship. 11.00, Southern. 11.30, Build Your Own Boat. 12.00, ATV. 1.00 pm, Wildlife Cinema. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Film: Above Us the Waves, with John Mills, John Gregson, Donald Sinden.* 3.45, Mixed Blessings. 4.15, Scotsport. 5.15, London. 12.15 am, Reflections.

Radio

DAVID WADE

I know that inescapably this has been The Week They Broadcast Parliament but wish to be excused from saying much on that today. At first hearing, it all bears a very strong resemblance to the experiment we already know about—summer of 1975 they tell me that was, but now as the Honourable Gentlemen and Right Honourable Friends address each other, it is as if the experiment had never stopped. There is one difference : if first impressions are correct, the technical arrangements are much better than they were : audibility is good and the balance between commentator and members has improved ; it is easier to follow what is going on. The major question is however : what effect will broadcasting have on the status of political life in this country and on our understanding of and attitudes toward it ? That's a subject to come back to.

Immediately, here is a conundrum : who on recent radio said to whom and on what occasion "What are you doing in my bedroom at this time of night ?", receiving the answer, "I'm on a job. . . ." Have a go ! One of radio's more routine comedy shows ? Burglar with taste for mild sexual innuendo confronts scantily clad young female ? Wrong, I'm afraid. The speaker was the Virgin Mary, she was answered by the Archangel Gabriel and the occasion was the Annunciation as presented just after Easter in *Creation . . . Plus!* "A modern mystery cycle in song" they called the thing and I can think of several mysteries about it, but doubt if they are of the sort its originators had in mind. How, for example, did anything so crass as Wally K. Daly's script come to be written ? Anything so spongy and imitative as Jim Parker's music come to be composed ? How, in combination, did they find a place at the Chichester Festival Theatre ? Who thought them worth an hour on Radio 4 ? Incredible as it may seem, those unfortunate enough to have listened actually have something to be thankful for : at Chichester, I read, the performance was as *three* separate plays.

But you may say that I have taken one unspeakably awful sequence and misused it to characterise the whole event. By no means : in this hop, skip and a jump from Creation to Resurrection, we had early on heard Lucifer in the style of Muhammed - I'm - the - greatest-Ali and had gone on to Mother Eve marking man's first disobedience by warbling "How can you sing when you've hurt your love by making a dream fall apart ?" Regrettably the sentiment did not prevent her. Frank Topping as producer compounded an already considerable offence by having his principal characters adopt a touch of Northspeak—those accents of the regions north of Potter's Bar which, as good consumers, we have been persuaded cannot help but give dialogue added reality. "It's only me", chirped cheeky Gabriel at the start of the Annunciation bit. "It's only me . . . Gaby". Just dropped in on me way home from t'mills of God.

This was presumably one of the results of radio religion competing in the open market for airspace. In which case, bring back the God-slot and we shall know what to avoid. However, a series of three half-hour features, *Images of God,* made some amends. The idea here was to take certain Biblical roles of the deity and to attempt to illuminate them through their human parallels. What, for example, might there be in the work of the composer, the writer, the artist to tell us something of the nature of God the Creator ? And likewise with judges and kings. The productions (by Susan Davies) were inventive and the idea behind the enterprise an interesting one. In practice I am not sure that it fulfilled its promise—or if it did, it was in a curiously negative sense, suggesting that God is *not* like anything we heard. I am sure I have quoted before the anecdote of the ants who were asked to describe God and who replied: "We have one sting, but God, he has two". My apologies for the repetition, but it does exactly sum up the impression left by *Images of God.*

In *Halt ! Who Goes There ?,* the late Tom Mallin's theme was death: Mr Butterworth, convalescing from a colostomy for cancer of the anus, arrives at a home and by the play's end (a few weeks later in time) seems to have resigned himself to the probability that for what time remains it will continue to be home. In the past Mr Mallin's work has for me fallen into two broad categories: real (*Vicar Martin*) and unreal (*Spanish Fly*). This latest and the last we shall have from him was very safely in the first. Perhaps the characters were stock—the fierce but respect-worthy matron ; the talkative, tough, resigned Jewess (lovely performances both, by Rosemary Leach and Stella Tanner) —but they were very good stock, drawn with an immediacy and sympathy new to this author's work and cleverly welded by him and his producer, Richard Wortley, so as to suggest a microcosm of human life and experience, much of it harsh but all tenderly concentrated in this enclosed protective place which also symbolized the gates of death. As Mr Butterworth the excellent Clive Swift also turned in a fine performance.

What to make of John Whiting's *Conditions of Agreement* ? I have always found an abrasive, joyless quality in much of his work and this neglected early play brought it sharply back to mind. The action seemed to centre on the character of the aggravating, naive, vulnerable grocer, A.G. (played by Richard Pearson and beautifully done) with his power to evoke in those around him the cruelty and contempt born of their own inadequacies. Recognizable ? Oh yes. But did the two hours say more ? Hallam Tennyson's production of *For God and for Profit* went from strength to strength with the final programme, *Memento Mori,* vividly conveying Francesco Datini's closing years against the terrors of the plague.

SATURDAY RADIO

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5.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03, Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Kid Jensen. 12.00, Paul Gambaccini. 1.31 pm, Rock On.† 2.30, Alan Freeman. 5.31, Alexis Korner.† 6.30, Byrds Reunion Concert.† 7.30, Top Tunes.† 8.15, Don Innes.† 8.30, Victor Silvester, Jr.† 9.30, BBC Radio Orchestra. † 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.10, Peter Wheeler.† 2.00-2.02 am, News.
† stereo.

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5.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, Tony Brandon.† 12.02 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, Punch Line. 1.30-5.55, Sport, including FA Cup Special, Orient v Arsenal and Ipswich v West Bromwich Albion ; Racing from Doncaster; The Avis British Open Squash Championships. 5.00, Sports Report. 6.03, Nordring Roundabout. 7.02, Windsor Davies presents. 7.30-2.02 am, Radio 1.

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7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Bach, Parry, Holst.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Record Review.† 10.15, Stereo Release. Schumann.† 11.05, Holmboe and Tchaikovsky.† 12.02 pm, James Galway.† 12.55, News. 1.00, Heritage. 1.15, Piano Recital: Bach and Schubert.† 2.15, Man of Action: Christopher Driver.† 3.35, Weber, Bruckner, Schubert.† 5.00, Jazz Record Requests.† 5.45, Critics' Forum. 6.35, The Classical Guitar.† 7.10, The Garden in April. 7.30, Choral Music, part 1: Parry, Rutter.† 8.05, Turn of the Screw: Talk by R. W. Burchfield. 8.25, Choral Music, part 2: Mathias.† 9.25, Italian String Trio: Beethoven.† 9.50, Among the Witnesses: Women and poetry in the Soviet Union. 10.25, Xenakis : Music for cello.† 10.45, Sounds Interesting.† 11.25, News. 11.30-11.35, Schubert Song.

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6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Yours Faithfully. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Yours Faithfully. 7.50, It's a Bargain. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sport on 4. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, International Assignment. 9.30, The Week in Westminster. 9.55, News Stand. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.20, Time for Verse. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, James Galway. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.15, Any Questions ? 2.00, War and Peace. 3.00, News. 3.05, Does He Take Sugar ? 3.35, Radio 3. 5.00, Kaleidoscope Encore. 5.30, Week Ending. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.15, Desert Island discs. 6.50, Robert Robinson. 7.30, Christopher Grier, records. 8.30, Play : The Tale of the Knight, the Witch and the Dragon, by J. C. W. Brook. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, On the Town, Glasgow. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore Forecast.

SUNDAY RADIO

1
6.30 am, News. Sam Costa.† 8.00, Playground. 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Peter Powell. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, Anne Nightingale. 5.30, Quiz Kid. 6.00, Simon Bates.† 7.02, Robin Richmond.† 7.30, Glamorous Nights.† 8.30, Sunday Half-hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.02, Jazz.† 12.00, News. 12.06 am, Peter Wheeler.† 2.00, News.
† stereo.

2
6.30 am, Radio 1, 8.03, Golf. 8.04, Sing Together.† 8.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Benny Green.† 11.30, Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 1.30, Sacha Distel.† 3.02, David Jacobs.† 4.30, Charlie Chester.† 5.50, Move On. 6.00, Radio 1. 10.02, Windsor Davies Presents. 10.30, Punch Line. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.08, Softly Sentimental. 12.00-2.02 am, Radio 1.

3
7.55 am, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.05, Horowitz (piano): Chopin. 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice: Sibelius, Dvorak, Schubert.† 10.30, Music weekly.† 11.20, Form the Proms '77, part 1: Ligeti, Bartok.† 12.05 pm. Words . . . . by Dipak Nandy. 12.10, From the Proms, part 2 : Stravinsky.† 1.00, Talking about Music.† 1.30, Verismo Double-Bill, L'Amore dei Tre Re, opera by Montemezzi.† 3.05, Talk by Harold Rosenthal. 3.20, L'Oracolo, music drama by Leoni. 4.35, Letters of a Chinese Lady. 5.00, Music in Our Time: Gesualdo, Ligeti, Birtwistle, Stravinsky, Davies.† 6.20, Camerata Lysy, part 1: C. P. E. and J. S. Bach. 7.05 Reading. 7.10 Camerata Lysy, part 2, J. S. Bach. 8.00, Dear Mr Webb. . . The courtship of Beatrice Potter and Sidney Webb. 9.00, Return of Horowitz : Rachmaninov.† 10.00, Play : Man in Space, by Stephen Davis.† 11.15-11.35, Schubert Songs.†

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7.15 am, Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye. 7.45, Bells. 7.50, Reading. 7.55, Weather. 8.00, News. 8.10, Sunday Papers. 8.15, Sunday. 8.50, Appeal, Disabled Living Foundation. 8.55, Weather. 9.00, News. 9.10, Sunday Papers. 9.15, Letter From America. 9.30, Service from Trinity Presbyterian Church, Wrexham. 10.15, Listeners' letters. 10.30, Money Box. 11.00, Dear Me, Peter Ustinov. 11.30, One Man, One Voice : 021-432 5432. 12.15 pm. Not Now, I'm Listening. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.40, The Spinners. 2.00, Gardeners' Question Time. 2.30, Play: Moonshine. 4.00, News. 4.02, A Bag of Secrets.
4.30, The Living World. 5.00, In Touch. 5.15, With Great Pleasure, Frederic Raphael. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, The Archers. 7.15, The Last Secret. The 1945 repatriation to the USSR of a group of Cossacks. 8.15, From Meadow to Mayfair, English music. 9.00, News. 9.03, Hermsprong. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, Key Figures, part 1: Dorothy Wordsworth 11.00, Epilogue. 11.15, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore Forecast.



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complaint is against the message-laden character of the show. Perhaps it was unavoidable to discard Katerina Ivanovna and Svidrigailov, but what has been retained still finds room for a complete reading of the Lazarus story and presents the emotionally monotonous spectacle of Raskolnikov advancing inch by inch towards the police station under the lachrymose surveillance of his melodramatically grieving womenfolk.

Irony is entirely lacking (though some of the audience made up for it by laughing in the wrong places); and when Raskolnikov and Elizabeth Ronaldy's Sonia are united in a Siberian snowscape, there is no acknowledgement that his new creed of "pure" men is a megalomaniac reversal of the "exceptional men" theory that led to the murder in the first place.

Tom Courtenay's Raskolnikov is a starved, stone-faced outcast, with no trace of the intellectual fanatic. He is extremely effective when it comes to taunting the police with the aggression of a cornered rat, much less so when he reverts to his flat, impersonal sympathy-begging style.

The joy of the production, needless to say, is Leo McKern's wheezing, avuncular Porfiry, dancing a private little hornpipe when he sees the fish approaching his net, and going mute through an entire scene before releasing a mouthful of cigar smoke. Perfectly balancing the remorseless policeman against the benevolent confessor, his performance would dominate any production; in the present bleak surroundings, it is a doubly blessed relief.

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Besides the Mephisto Waltz he also played Liszt's eleventh and twelfth Hungarian Rhapsodies to show himself off as virtuoso. Dazzling things were accomplished at speed with a commendable degree of accuracy and ingratiating tone. But Faust's love music needed more intensity, and the Rhapsodies more temperament, especially the twelfth with all its nostalgic or teasing rubato.

Perhaps with Schoenberg's Three Klavierstücke, Op 11, he felt there was a cause still to win. Whatever the reason, this music elicited some of his most personally committed playing as well as acute response to gradations of sonority and texture.

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Individual phrases breathed with a new-found freedom and combined into movements full of original and surprising insights, the most rewarding of which derived not from unconventional speeds or pauses but simply from playing right through the phrase, allowing every duration and every interval its due.

Occasionally that wilfulness led up blind alleys: why was the cello theme of the slow movement merged with its accompaniment? What was the significance of the (unmarked) diminuendo at the end of the first and third movements? Either there is a reason that escapes me or else this is the privilege of a legend.

But there was much to marvel at in the Debussy as well, even if "Les Parfums" lost its *habañera* underpinning. The same programme (which also included Stravinsky's *Three Dances from Petrushka*) can be heard again tomorrow.

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Even though the concept of authenticity in the performance of Baroque music is no longer a novelty, it still has some way to go before it can be regarded as the norm. The Brandenburg Consort (St John's, March 31), founded by Roy Goodman in 1975, "went authentic" last year: a bold step even for an ensemble of this size—based on a nucleus of six players.

In concertos by Bach for two and three harpsichords—fairly rich-toned ones at that—the balance with only five Baroque string instruments was bound to suffer, and the tutti-solo structure was obscured here. But compensation was made in part (especially by Mr Goodman), by switching from vibrato to non-vibrato to help point up the contrasts. The harpsichordists in both concertos (Francis Monkman, Alistair Ross and Alexander Skeaping) were positive in rhythm and crisp in articulation. String-playing throughout pulsated with life, and the wholehearted application of Baroque techniques enhanced, as it ideally should, the endless variety and vitality of the music. Much talent and musicianship was on display here; much promise too for the future of authentic performance.

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A special presentation was made to the Institute of Theatrical and Cinematographic Art, Bucharest, for their outstanding contribution to the festival with *Romeo and Juliet*. The RSC's Buzz Goodbody Student Director's Award went to Peter Brooks (Leeds University) for *Abide with Me*. Sir Harold Hobson awarded *The Sunday Times* Playwriting Award to Peter Flannery (non-student) for *Savage Amusement*.

Paperbacks of the month

In search of Sylvia

Sylvia Plath: Letters Home 1950-63
Edited by Aurelia Schober Plath
(Faber, £2.95)

"I have only to look at people to know if they've read *The Bell Jar*", said Aurelia Plath, mother of the poet, Sylvia Plath. "They are saying to themselves, oh, yes, she's Mrs Greenwood." The burdens laid on the family and friends of Sylvia Plath are many. Fifteen years ago she committed suicide, leaving a small body of work, including some poems of great power written shortly before her death, and it is curious to discover in her file that her fame has been entirely posthumous. It has also led to an extraordinary amount of literary criticism, biography, amateur psychoanalysis, speculation and PhD theses, much of it demonstrating more the contemporary preoccupations of the writers themselves than a genuine appreciation of the poet's work.

I met Mrs Plath shortly after the book she selected and edited of her daughter's letters appeared in 1976. In her long introduction to the *Letters* Aurelia Plath tells something of the story of Sylvia's parents and grandparents, first and second generation immigrants from Germany and Austria, and of her marriage to Sylvia's father, a man much older than herself, whom she much admired, but who was also capable of willing himself to die from undiagnosed and untreated diabetes because he had a terror that it might be cancer.

Aurelia Plath is in the tradition of strong American women left to bring up young families, to put them through college, to see them grow, and to do her credit. Hers was the dramatic life of struggle, hardship and triumph; by comparison Sylvia was the golden girl to whom all success came. It is in these *Letters* from Sylvia which cover the period when she left home to take up the scholarship she had won at Smith and continue until a week before her death which show both family life in all its ordinariness and the growth and development of the poet. "Between Sylvia and me there existed", wrote Mrs Plath, "as between my own mother and me—a sort of psychic osmosis which, at times, was very wonderful and comforting; at other times an unwelcome invasion of privacy." No doubt it worked both ways.

The early 1950s were transitional years for young Americans. Life was peaceful, President Eisenhower was in the White House, all was *almost* well with the world. Girls wore pretty dresses, matching sweaters and skirts—there is a touching photograph of Sylvia setting off for Smith in a neat suit and hat. A pair of white gloves cannot have been far away.



Aurelia Schober Plath

Photograph by Jonathan Plaver

Yet at the same time security hid the fierce competitiveness that pressures the young in America. Sylvia had straight "A"s, but concealed her brains behind her considerable blonde prettiness, because to have boy friends was equally important in her society. The hideous social cruelty and snobbery of the fraternity and sorority system in the Ivy League Colleges made many a life miserable, but she succeeded. She won a $500 short story competition in *Mademoiselle*. The letters home are happy and enthusiastic until failure—*any* failure—brings depression. It was after her summer in New York (recounted in the semi-autobiographical novel *The Bell Jar*, published under a pseudonym) as Guest Editor for *Mademoiselle*, a much coveted position, that she made a serious attempt to kill herself. There is a long, despairing letter in 1952 on which Mrs Plath comments that it was the first sign of her magnifying a situation out of all proportion.

She made a good recovery, went back to Smith with considerable success, a pretty, still ingenuous American girl who could say of W. H. Auden, invited to address the college, "a wonderfully textured British accent"—and in May, 1955, she records triumphantly to her mother that in a year she has had 11 awards and prizes for her work, and sets out detailed plans for a schedule of study and a way of life.

This included a Fulbright Scholarship to Cambridge, where, relieved from the pressures of the American campus, she was happy, though frozen stiff, with a perpetual cold, suffering from a gas fire which ate shillings but gave no warmth. The letters from Cambridge are joyous—and there is one very casual mention which, to the experienced instincts of a mother, would have said a lot:

Met, by the way, a brilliant ex-Cambridge poet at the wild St Botolph's Review party last week; will probably never see him again (he works for J. Arthur Rank in London) but wrote my best poem about him afterwards—the only man I've met yet here who'd be strong enough to be equal with—such is life.

He was Ted Hughes, whom she married some few months later—a marriage which started out with much happiness but, to use an old phrase in its truest sense, came to grief. This, too, is charted in the *Letters* though Sylvia was understandably unwilling to tell anyone her most private and personal troubles. All through the *Letters* are the poems she copied for her mother—astonishing in that they appear to have been written by someone far more mature, quite other than the girl who writes about clothes and boys and happiness and friends.

The last letters are quite agonizing. Separated from her husband, she was living in a flat with her two small children. When she was unable to work, she always became depressed. The letters swing from depression to euphoria. On October 16, 1962 she writes saying she is ill and exhausted and could her sister in law possibly come over and help? Two days later she was more cheerful. Mrs Plath said that this time was an absolute agony for her. Sylvia did not wish her to come from America, so she sent money for the three of them to visit her for Christmas. They did not come. At this time Sylvia was writing through the night the poems collected in the volume *Ariel*, her finest work, written feverishly fast, almost as though it were the final blooming and fruition of some strange nocturnal plant under the shadow of her own death.

Those who die by their own hand leave a life time of questions for those who loved them. Why? "She was always plagued by sinusitis which never left her", said Mrs Plath. Sylvia was continually ill during the frightful cold winter of 1962-63 "She wasn't a person to talk about it, and people never realized. She felt she couldn't cope any more, and the discovery that her pseudonym (for *The Bell Jar*) had been penetrated was a great shock to her—the last thing she wanted." With two very young children to look after, she never managed to sleep particularly well. "It was a vicious circle, fatigue upon fatigue."

Thirteen years later Aurelia Plath published the *Letters*. She wishes she had done so before. It might have stemmed the flood of speculation and interest which at times has almost overwhelmed her. She is, quite obviously, *not* Mrs Greenwood. She and her son Warren can discern the elements of five people they and Sylvia knew in this character. "Art is truth rearranged", she says. "I have always liked people and made friends easily. I have been appalled at the way people have written about me—they have never met me, never spoken to me, have never known me."

Letters Home relates a story that is not, except in its ending, tragic. For, as Mrs Plath says of Sylvia, "She was such *fun*—I never enjoyed any human being as much as I enjoyed her."

It is more than a year now since I met Aurelia Plath. Sometimes when I talk to people with a view to writing about them they fill my mind for days. So it was with Mrs Plath, whom I had both liked and admired. Thoughts of mother and daughter (so nearly my contemporary) pre-occupied me and as in some dream, I saw Ted Hughes walking towards me down the street. It was, most curiously, a shock which, hard though I tried, has prevented me from writing about the Plath family until now.

Philippa Toomey

Friends and fantasies

ALISON LURIE: Imaginary Friends: Real People. (Penguin, 90p, 70p).
EMMA TENNANT: Hotel de Dream; The Crack (Penguin. 75p each).
SEAN O'FAOLAIN: Foreign Affairs and Other Stories (Penguin, 75p)
JUDITH BURNLEY: The Wife (Pan, 70p).

There is a character in *Imaginary Friends* by Alison Lurie, who kneads the "arm of her chair like a plump and nervous mouse", and has round eyes like those of "a rodent in panic". It is in the terms of a fretful mouse that Alison Lurie chooses to describe Elsie Novar, one of the leaders of a mystical cult in upstate New York, a suspicious, shrill woman with a wispy bun and the bossy manner of a small town schoolteacher. The simile is exact and pleasing. Like all of Alison Lurie's descriptions it is both precise and marvellously simple. Not only are the people pinned like rare butterflies on a board, but their manners, and more than that their concealed longings are caught and exposed with a loving and not always charitable attention to detail, particularly physical, solid detail about food and possessions, and great economy of words.

Imaginary Friends and *Real People* are the two most recent of Alison Lurie's novels to appear in paperback. They were written in the late Sixties, and have in common that both concern a group of people trying to escape their own humdrum lives. *Imaginary Friends* is about a religious sect who believes itself to be, through the medium of a sleepy, statuesque college drop-out called Verena, in touch with the inhabitants of another planet, shortly to arrive on earth to save them. The self delusions of the Seekers are being studied by two sociologists from a nearby university, masquerading as fellow travellers, whose own relationship with the group becomes increasingly disturbed. *Real People* takes place in Illyria, a country retreat for artists run by an aging patron. "Are those artists, Mom", asked a small boy who chances on them in the rose garden, "or are they real people?"

The answer is that like all Alison Lurie's characters, they are indeed real people, with the nagging insecurities and self obsessions of all real people (made more stark by the fact that as "talented artists" they are meant to be above the pitchiness and the failings) but that they are people on a holiday from themselves. The trouble is, as Alison Lurie shows with extreme clarity, there is no holiday to be taken. No amount of self delusion protects one from greed and anxiety and vacuity. Janet, visiting writer to Illyria, is meant to be escaping a boring insurance husband to push on with her short stories; instead she has an affair with the uncouth Nick Donato with his too-long and too-shiny hair, and discovers that "you can't write well with only nice parts of your character, and only about nice things". It is a lesson Alison Lurie learnt herself long ago, though a sharp pen has not for an instant distorted a true feeling of compassion for the muddles of people's lives, and a persistent sense of fairness.

There is perhaps no writer more conscious of fairness and failure, and better able to convey it than the Irish short story writer Sean O'Faolain. The desolation of his seaside Irish towns, on dusky Sunday afternoons in November, just after lighting up time, is desolate in a way all of their own. The adjectives pile up, one on top of the other, in a sort of balanced rising crescendo, catching and firmly securing a person in mid-action.

Most of the stories in this collection, *Foreign Affairs and Other Stories* have appeared in magazines over the last ten years. It would not though be at all surprising to learn that they were written not ten years ago, but 100. For they all have about them a real sense of timelessness, in which the contemporary detail is absolutely secondary to the identity of the couple of main characters who stand out regardless of time and place, and who stay on in the mind long after the story is finished.

If Alison Lurie's dreams of escape are vain flights of self delusion, Emma Tennant's are true journeys into the grotesque. No setting is as loaded with potential pathos as the hotel for single, aging failures, old soldiers washed up to die in the grey desolation of the Earl's Court Road. The Westringham Hotel in *Hotel de Dream*, with its contingent of spinster school teachers and unwanted poor relations is a fertile ground for misery, but Emma Tennant, having evoked it, instantly whisks her protagonists away on a trip of chaos and absurdity. The inmates of the Westringham dream, and their dreams merge and take off on their own, turning into a Walt Disney like fantasy, in which spinsters become queens, and hordes of Amazon women are on the rampage.

In *Hotel de Dream* the absurd has at least its roots in solid ground; the dreaming is broken by enjoyably funny scenes in the Westringham dining room with its appalling smells and greasy tablecloths. *The Crack* is a comic apocalypse, in which there are only caricatures, megalomanic psychoanalysts and Bunny girls who long for their fluffy tails. As a crack along the bed of the Thames splits the city in two and brings it down in ruins, so each survivor glimpses on the Other Shore whatever for him spells perfection.

There is nothing fantastic about Judith Burnley's *The Wife*, the story of a woman who appears blissfully suited to what most women consider to be the nightmare of the female role. Sarah cooks for, and panders to, two men, a husband so chauvinist as to make the more extreme statements of the Women's movement welcome reading, and a plastic lover called Zack. Even Sarah's boss is Cardboard Man, a trendy and flirtatious features editor with an ego the size of an elephant. There is, however, a sharpness to the book and a feeling for place and mood that not even the non-people with names like Miles and Zack and Adam can destroy. Judith Burnley is at her best when writing dialogue, or about women, or, least expectedly when she moves off the main story and on to the parallel theme of the book: the study that Sarah is doing for her newspaper into the condition of being a wife.

Caroline Moorehead

A world made clean

In The Days of the Comet
By H. G. Wells
(Fontana, 80p)

Of course, we know better. The century's experience has made us cynical about science helping shape a perfect world, accomplice to a human nature which only needs the removal of crushing poverty and conventional morality to attain that wisdom wherein communalism is next to godliness.

But Wells, writing in 1906 this tale of a world made spiritually clean by the scouring fogs brought upon it by the onset of the Comet and the scientific aftermath, was not to know that. He wrote out of a vast genius that ached for order; he wrought this "scientific romance" of an endearing, if awkward, naivety. It came some years following *The War of the Worlds* and just after *Kipps*. It is a work of fulfilling vision to an almost religious degree. But it is not the luminous might-be that is the most compelling, it is the description of the dispossessed lower middle-class at the century's turn; that and the living drudgery of unrequited love which has only been better observed by George Gissing.

The novel is book-ended by the author's visit, agog with awe, to The Man Who Wrote in the Tower. The Man, writes of himself in retrospect from this future. Then he was William Leadford, living in the landowner - tyrranised Four Towns, overstrained with passion for the girl Nettie.

Germany and Britain are about to go to war, capitalists are locked in combat with the miners, and the Comet grows daily more monstrous over Willie's shoulder. But that shoulder is tensed with anger all the way down to the hand that grasps a revolver which is pointed at Nettie and the young squire with whom she has run off: other matters are of puny import compared with Willie's Socialism which can now take vicarious expression in this act of jealous passion.

Just in time the Comet strikes and The Great Change comes about. When the sleepers awake the fogs of past evil have been cleared by the green vapours that issued from that heavenly body. Willie comes upon the politician Melmount, whose speeches now promise the benign oligarchy which will form the future that The Man in the Tower now inhabits. Nettie has enough room in her sexual life not only for Willie but for many men. Willie looks smilingly on. And writes.

Wells makes it work, with a clumsy energy that converts you while you read, even if doubts dare to stray into the mind afterwards. One of his ways of committing the reader wholeheartedly is the pinning of fancy to down-to-earth circumstance, not only in the way in which he delineates the area of actual ground covered by the obsessed Willie, but as in the shock of discovery when he realizes how he must seem to The Man in the Tower.

He looked at me and, I know not why, I glanced down at my feet. What a clumsy, ill-made thing a boot is, and how hard and colourless seemed my clothing.

There is, as with *The War of the Worlds*, the usual hysterically-spluttering clergyman, plus a paragraph of spiteful, unaccountable anti-Semitism, besides all that coy wonder. But there is a remarkable devotion of narrative, regarding the death of Willie's mother, which has the pain of truth—and there is always the perpetually-readable possibility that Wells made so probable.

Of course, he was to realize towards the end of his life and his tether that Utopia was not that easily attainable, that Comets become Red Stars. That the terribly desired becomes the terribly else. He was a great prophet, but how was he to know then when we only know now? For what do we have to offer him in return for his dream? Disneyland?

Tom Hutchinson

Bitter fruit

Men Who March Away
Poems of the First World War
Edited by I. M. Parsons
(Chatto & Windus, £1.50)

Out of Battle
The Poetry of the Great War
By Jon Silkin
(Oxford, £2.50)

Jon Silkin examines the motivations and feelings of the poets by reference to a representative selection of them, while Ian Parsons gives the feel of the poetry itself, also by representative selection. Their choices of exemplars are remarkably similar, and more than two-thirds of the authors whose poetry has been included by Mr Parsons are also considered by Mr Silkin. Indeed, apart from its own intrinsic appeal, *Men Who March Away* provides the "illustrations", as it were, for *Out of Battle*.

In a necessarily limited yet admirably lucid introduction to the poems he has chosen and arranged, Ian Parsons refers in passing to what Cyril Connolly called "the explosion of Georgian Marsh-gas." Jon Silkin enlarges on the topic of that phenomenon, tracing a continuum from Coleridge and Wordsworth (with their sometimes agonised reactions to the French Revolution and the subsequent French Imperialism), through Shelley and Byron to Hardy and the Georgians, and so to the war poets, some of them leading lights in that "Georgian" school.

Yet, with the ruthless honesty marking his whole study, Mr Silkin says at one point that "The enthusiasm for the war remains a puzzle". Since he wrote those words the definitive biography of Julian Grenfell has appeared, giving a clue to the enthusiasm of upper-class young men—a cleansing of their self-assumed guilt-stains with a wallow in mud and blood—but what of the rest? Possibly some part of the answer is summed up by Chesterton (who is not even mentioned by Mr Silkin, although it might be thought that GK's bitter comparison between the fate of the rulers and that of the fighting-men would have struck a responsive chord) when he has his working-class Briton say.

I knew no ill of Bonep, and
plenty of the squire,
And for to fight the Frenchman I
did not much admire,
But I did bash his bagginets
because he came arraped
To straighten out the rolling road
an English drunkard made.

Ian Parsons includes three of Chesterton's war poems, along with those of other writers who are surprisingly ignored completely by Jon Silkin, namely Wilfrid Gibson, Osbert Sitwell (who seems to say something special in "The Next War"), and Arthur Graeme West, who got into the army through the ranks despite eye weakness, and died of a sniper's bullet. How could Mr Silkin not be drawn to

God! how I hate you, you young
cheerful men,
Whose pious poetry blossoms on
your graves
As soon as you are in them. . . .

When all else is said, how stimulative of ever-fresh speculation is Jon Silkin's logically developed exploration, sometimes impassioned and often exciting. And how much its reasoning enhances appreciation—emotional and analytical—of the carefully selected, exceedingly evocative poems presented by Ian Parsons!

Laurence Cotterell

The sound of silence

Harpo Speaks
By Harpo Marx
(Coronet, £1.50)

Movies on TV. 1978-79 Edition.
By Steven H. Scheuer
(Corgi, £1.25)

Harpo Marx lost his stage voice by default. When his mother strode into a New York cinema, where he was playing accompaniment, pulled him off the piano stool and pushed him onto a stage with three of his brothers, he just opened his mouth in time with the others. No sound came out because he did not know the words.

He never really got into the way of speaking in public after that. When the others were singing or wise cracking, he was doing a crazy mime or pulling faces. Slowly he developed the repertoire for which he became famous: dropping cutlery from his sleeves; blowing up bubble gum from nowhere; tooting a horn; snipping off trousers; hanging up his leg on someone's hand; chasing after women; and playing the harp.

He made up his antics as he went along, and if they raised a laugh they stayed. Similarly, he taught himself to play the piano and harp—it was his grandmother's—and for several years rested it on the wrong shoulder. The only time he took a lesson, the teacher came and studied his technique.

Harpo, who died in 1964, was a solitary man and, surprisingly, his memoirs quickly pass over his brothers and the 13 films they made together. He prefers, instead, to remember the golden days of vaudeville and his friends in the fast, witty, literary set who spent each night playing poker at the Hotel Algonquin.

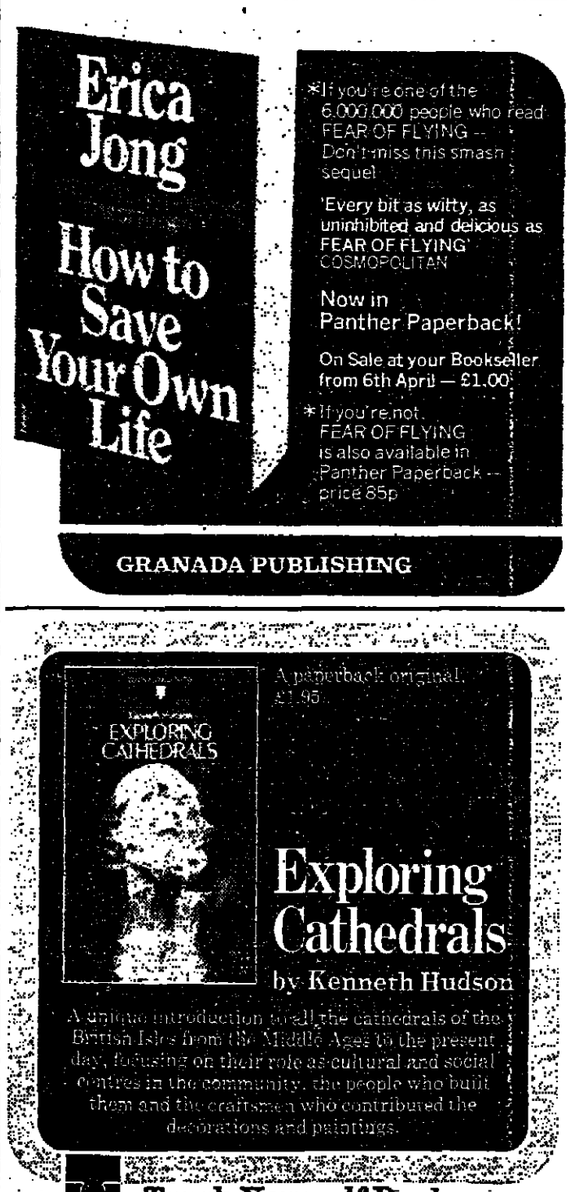
When he recounts events where his oddball sense of fun destroyed the pomp and seriousness in others, Harpo's skill with anecdotes rivals that of David Niven and Peter Ustinov. Even on film he remains eloquently dumb, the first silent comedian of the sound age and a tribute (or is it a taunt?) to those silent comics made redundant by the coming of sound.

"Crazy, stupid and hilarious" is how the latest edition of *Movies On TV* describes the Marx Brothers in *Duck Soup*. It is a typical entry in this guide which rarely pretends to be other than a rough indicator of a film's worth. Terse, informative paragraphs are backed up by a silly but amusing star rating, cast and directing credits and the picture's original running length.

There are over 10,000 evaluations of mostly English speaking films, marred by a few puzzling omissions. Often the bad notices, written in curt, American jargon, are more entertaining than the films they describe, while some commendations are wildly overgenerous to middling pictures.

However, it is well worth keeping a copy close to hand, if only to settle those recurring arguments about whether Clive Brook or Herbert Marshall swept Bette Davis off her feet in *Now Voyager*. (It was Paul Henreid.)

Nicholas Wapshott



Good Food Guide

Making a connexion

At the risk of calling down more thunder and levin on the *Good Food Guide's* demotic head, it had better be confessed at the outset that this is not the article for which the *haut monde* has been waiting, on the Mirabelle and other mirages of the West End catering trade. Let others alight at the Savoy Grill and tell the cab-driver to keep the change, for you, by contrast, are setting off in the rain to drive along the M62 from Hull to Liverpool, or vice versa.

The occasional beauties of this utilitarian road do not disguise the fact that it is designed to connect some of the least lovely townscapes known to man, in which the yellowest waistcoat quickly loses its lustre. The writ of Escoffier does not run in these places, though there are a few blackened but gallant British Transport Hotel dining-rooms where cooking is attempted, and where raw youths and grizzled head waiters exchange mispronounced French with the evening's intake of temporary gentry, most of them up by Inter-City from the £10,000-a-year suburbs of London.

More and more, now that the fish and chip shops are fading away, real food in the M62 belt depends on the Chinese and the Indians, who cook it as though they believed in it, at least where there is a cluster of their own people to form a nucleus of customers. (The same can occasionally be said of the Italians, but in provincial cities even more conspicuously than in London, Italian restaurateurs generally surrender to formula cooking, all flounce and little substance, and expect the size of the bill to convince the customer that he has had something worth eating.)

Thus, a log cabin called the Shish Mahal *in the Beverley Road out of Hull may strain credibility, especially when the owners, the Khans, are so obviously trying to be the restaurant for all Humberside seasons, offering not merely their own tikka and tandoori specialities but T-bone steak, canard à l'orange and petto di pollo as well. However, various* Guide *visitors have made—in context—more conservative choices: crisply fried onion bhajias (55p) to start with, very tender chunks of skewered lamb, pink in the middle, with correctly cooked pilau rice and substantial rogan gosht (£1.85) or chicken bhuna. There are a few details of this restaurant whose disappearance would not be regretted, notably the music tapes, but the service is friendly, intelligent and—unusually for restaurants of this kind—racially mixed. One customer wary in the ways of waiters was particularly pleased to find the final total filled in on an Access bill, even though service had not been included.*

It is a longish haul from Hull to the next worthwhile diversion from the M62, in Leeds. Both here and in Manchester, it cannot be pretended that all the interesting restaurants are Asiatic: indeed, there are even a couple of English ones for another day. But England feels far away in Ya Koge, whose chef, Shek Kim Yee, was formerly professor of Chinese cuisine at a catering college in Osaka. This background enables him to offer Japanese dishes (in private tatami rooms) as well as what sound like highly personal specialities; not just squirrel fish (£2.60) but chicken à la Imperial Chinese concubine, and—one visitor swears—"mutton served on percussion instrument". Sweets include arbutus pudding and rice glue dessert, which make the set lunches (from £1) and gourmet dinners (from £3.85) seem almost conventional. But these too, when tried, have been consistently inventive and well cooked, from "double fresh chowder" to "haddock with tartare sauce, ginger and wine".

If the Leeds Chinese have annexed haddock, the Manchester ones have already taken to Lancashire's once-favourite tripe. In the very shadow of the Piccadilly Hotel there are two rival Cantonese places, a door or two away from each other, whose menus put together would allow the curious Mancunian to eat a different dish for every day of the year. In Yang Sing a *Guide* inspector confronted by such richness picked at random dishes that seemed least likely to be on common call: assorted ox tripe with noodles in soup (£1) and steamed pork pie with dried squid (£1.40). The tripe—as various in colour and texture as it would have been in, say, Caen—was particularly successful, in a bowl with vermicelli and a rich gravy tasting of Szechuan pepper. The pork pie—loaf, really—was more gristly but also well-flavoured, with a thin juice, and a sweet but searing chilli sauce on the side.

Woo Sang, after two years in the *Guide*, is more popular, with Caucasian as well as Chinese customers. But it is consistent, says a frequent orderer of their steamed pork ribs in plum sauce, prawns with ham "and a delicate gingery sauce", and prawn-stuffed duck. A more casual caller liked the home-made taste of the steamed shiu-mai dumplings, one of them capped with a black Chinese mushroom like a Breton beret.

Another exotic newcomer in Manchester is the Persian *Restaurant. Its style is welcoming* to—as the owner puts it—"all nice people in clean clothes", and, he adds, "we tell the truth to customers even if we are in the wrong". Service is slow, and unlikely to accelerate when they get round to spit-roasting a whole lamb (koozee) in the middle of the restaurant on weekdays as *well as* Sundays (£2.75 a portion). But both the Middle Eastern and the tandoori dishes are worth trying, and though the kulfi and the coffee cannot be recommended, "you know the cream is fresh; it comes straight from the pot the milkman brings it in".

The M62 ends in Liverpool, where Chinese restaurants have been part of the scenery for so long that the problem is rather that of sorting the wheat from the chaff. Lau's in Prescot Road and the Peking & Shanghai down the hill from the Philharmonic Hall seem to be the most admired. But of all the cities visited in this journey, Liverpool has the best Franco-Italian restaurant to relax in at the end. The Oriel is a businessman's restaurant *par excellence*, and its prices, apart from the set lunch, are far from relaxing. But it is owned by an obsessional caterer and served by its own farm as well as by highly competent kitchen and dining-room staff, so quality is high from the oeufs en cocotte with chicken livers to the sea bass in Pernod sauce, trolley sweets, and blue Cheshire cheese. Perhaps what Liverpool can do today, Hull can do tomorrow.

Details:

Shish Mahal, 52a-54a Beverley Road, Hull, Humberside. Tel Hull 27132. Closed Sunday lunch. Meals 12-2.30, 6-12. A la carte meal about £3.70.

Ya Koge, 166 Lower Briggate, Leeds 1, W Yorkshire. Tel Leeds 468664. Open noon-midnight. Table d'hôte meal £1-£4.50. A la carte meal about £3.40.

Yang Sing, 17 George Street Manchester 1. Tel 061-236 2200. Open noon-midnight. Table d'hôte lunch £1. Table d'hôte dinner from £3. A la carte meal about £3.45.

Woo Sang, 19-21 George Street, Manchester 1. Tel 061-236 3697. Must book weekends. Open noon-midnight. Table d'hôte lunch £1.05. A la carte meal about £3.90.

Persian Restaurant, 133 Wilmslow Road, Rusholme, Manchester 14. Tel 061-224 9062 and 0444. Must book weekends. Meals 12.30-2.30, 6-12. Table d'hôte £3.75. A la carte meal about £3.30.

Oriel, Oriel Chambers, Water Street, Liverpool, Merseyside. Tel. 051-236 4664. Closed Sunday; Saturday lunch. Must book. Meals 12.15-2.30, 7-10.15. Table d'hôte lunch £4.35. Table d'hôte dinner £5.95. A la carte *meal with wine about* £10.65.

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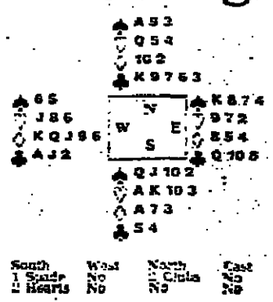
Bridge

Doing what comes naturally

Knowing how much I dislike the expression "the right bid", a correspondent sometimes asks me to give him the natural *bidding on a hand* where he came sadly to grief. "My partner and I", he claims, "use no artificial bids except a strong opening Two Clubs and Blackwood; we find that we understand each other best in that way".

I never refuse an answer although I do not believe that *natural bidding exists* save by comparison with an arbitrary system, in the same way as natural justice, if there is such a thing, exists only by virtue of statute law. One of Ely Culbertson's brighter observations was that bridge stories reveal the character of their authors. What sort of chaps play "natural bridge", and do they win? Not if they swallow all the tips which are freely dished out by writers on the game, for the benefit of average players who are made to believe that they can "school themselves in everyday deception".

Game all; no part score. Dealer South.



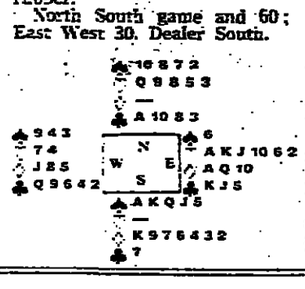
South	West	North	East
1 Spade	No	2 Clubs	No
2 Hearts	No	No	No

"With two biddable major suits, South begins with the one of higher rank to give himself the chance of bidding hearts on the second round . . . North, with nine points, has a permissible response of Two Clubs, though it is certainly borderline and many good players would prefer to bid Two Spades."

I shall not continue to discuss this ordinary deal because the bidding is totally ill-conceived. There does not exist any practical system of bidding in which a change of suit by the opener does not invite a further response by its suggestion of additional strength. Yet North elects to pass Two Hearts. According to the expert tipster, South's change of suit neither shows a strong hand nor is it in any way a forcing bid. Now my contention is that there cannot exist a winning system where a change of suit is not a sign of additional strength, nor can there be a practical method of bidding in which a change of suit or level is a suggestion of weakness.

The extent to which a player stretches his values is partly a matter of individual taste; it is as important for him to take the measure of his opponents as of his cards. But there is no doubt that with a genuine two-suiter it is good policy to bid both suits if the opportunity arises; and to show length before strength. Yet here again I have doubts about the wisdom of the recommended sequence where the minor is the longer suit; and wherever there is a part-score the rules that are most acceptable in a duplicate pairs competition are unsuited to bidding in a closely-contested rubber.

North South game and 60; East West 30. Dealer South.



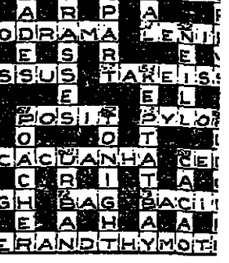
South	West	North	East
1 Spade	No	2 Spades	4 Hearts
5 Spades	No	No	6 Hearts
No	No	No	Double
No	No		

After receiving a double raise in spades South dare not pass Five Hearts which North would have been glad to double. If South had opened One Diamond, North would probably have responded One Heart and the final contract might still have been Five Spades. There is no system which caters satisfactorily for such freak hands, and South is fortunate in having reached a contract which he can make.

An initial heart lead is ruffed. South then ruffs a diamond, enters his hand with a round of trumps, ruffs a second diamond, draws the outstanding trumps and relies on bringing down the ◇A on the third round of that suit. There is no way to make the contract except by playing for an even break in either the spades or the diamonds. South can cut his possible loss by a cross-ruff, but he is then one trick short of his contract. The player who opens the bidding with One Spade instead of with One Diamond must have the courage to risk the possible loss from a bad break; regarding his hand from a defensive in addition to an aggressive angle, One Spade appears to him the more natural bid.

As for the play in gen is it natural to draw trump the earliest opportunity? following deal offers se alternatives.

North South game; d West.



West	North	East	S
No	1 Diamond	No	1
No	3 No trumps	No	4
No	5 Clubs	No	N
No			

Since North has decline partner's slam invitation, is South's natural way to the hand? He wins the op lead of the ♡6 with the draws four rounds of tr ducks a small diamond, after losing a heart dis his losers on North's wi diamonds. If he is pl duplicate, he will possibly his losing heart on a dia before drawing trumps; b contract is then at greate

Edward M

Chess

In the know

It is time for me to reply to letters of those correspondents who either know that they know more than I do and wish to inform me of this or who know that they know less than I do and wish to be further informed.

In the first place then, one who seems to come under both categories and points out in relation to my Latin quotation last week (vixere fortes ante Karpov) that ante takes the accusative case and that therefore Karpov should be in the accusative. He or she (it is not clear from the signature) asks if it is really true that stout-hearted players lived before Karpov and if so what was the reason.

My reply is that, having been a constant reader of the late Mr Kennedy in my boyhood I am fully aware of the fact that ante takes the accusative. Indeed, one version of the saying runs: vixere fortes ante Agamemnona, though another, more common, gives simply Agamemnon. But the difficulty is that I do not know what is the accusative of Karpov unless it be Korchnoi.

To write Karpova would invite ridicule from the Russians who use the *a ending to indicate a genitive*. On the whole I incline to the belief that Karpov is indeclinable. In that case let me again invoke Kennedy's Latin Grammar. It is more than 50 years since last I read it but there was a delicious rhyming section at the end from which I quote:

To nouns that cannot be declined
The neuter gender *is* assigned

So, if Karpov is neuter, then he does not vary from the nominative to the accusative. Then it is undoubtedly true that Russia produced many great chess-players in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Moreover, three of the greatest tournaments of all time were held there, all at St Petersburg.

In the first, 1895-96, four grandmasters, Lasker, Steinitz, Pillsbury and Tschigorin, played against each other six times. In the second, in 1909, which was a memorial tournament to Tschigorin who had died the previous year, 19 great players took part and first prize was shared between Lasker and Rubinstein with 14½ points each. Probably the most notable was the third in 1914 which was a tournament in two parts. Five players out of the initial eleven qualified for a final double round tournament which ended up with Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Tarrasch and Marshall in that order. It was for the competitors in this tournament that Tsar Nicholas is supposed to have coined the word "grandmaster".

The reason for all this, I think, belongs far back in the history of chess. Russia was probably the first country in Europe to receive the game from the East. Two sources are possible: One was from India via the central Asian peoples and the other was from Byzantium through the trade routes to Kiev. Thus there is a continuous line of great chess in Russia running right through from Tsarist times to those of Lenin and Stalin and up to Brezhnev.

Another letter refers to a matter I considered a couple of weeks ago in relation to a letter from Mr E. Klein stating I was incorrect when I said Landau was Alekhine's second in the 1935 World Championship match between Alekhine and Euwe. I proved in that article that Landau was indeed Alekhine's second and that it was Maroczy who was Euwe's second.

But, thinking that Mr Klein had indeed given Alekhine some help in the last few games of the match, it seemed to me a good idea to ask about this from the players themselves. Alekhine is alas long since dead but Professor Euwe is still very much alive and he has replied to my letter as follows: "You are right: Maroczy was my second and Landau was Alekhine's second during the 1935 WC Match. But after the 26th or the 27th game Landau withdrew after a disagreement with Alekhine. In the remaining games Mr Klein helped Alekhine, but he had no official status." By "remaining games" Professor Euwe means the 28th, 29th and 30th.

Finally, I am continually receiving letters asking me what is the Swiss System and whether its frequent use in tournaments in this country is really beneficial to the game.

The Swiss System is an ingenious method of running tournaments in which large numbers of players contest events of short duration. The basic principle is that players with the same, or similar, score are paired against each other and this selective process grades the players in order of strength. For an elaborate and expert description of the system, I refer the reader to Stewart Reuben's article in my *Encyclopedia of Chess* published by Batsford's, last November.

As to the worth of the Swiss System it is beyond dispute that its use has been one of the means of popularizing chess in this country and elsewhere. By enabling a much greater participation in playing in *tournaments it has made the* game widely popular and congresses have quadrupled in size during the past dozen years.

But the rise in quantity has brought about some loss in quality. Play is on a lower level; the mistakes tend to abound and the ideas, good ones that is, are less frequent.

The Aaronson Masters Tournament, *held in London from* March 23 to March 29 is a good and characteristic example. Seventy-two players competed in a ten-round Swiss System tournament. The fact that the Swiss System was used meant that over 60 players more were able to participate than would have been the case in an all-play-all event. Many players, especially young players, were able to play against quite a number of international masters.

The reverse of the medal is that the quality of play, though lively, was lower than that prevailing in a corresponding international all-play-all tournament. Blunders abounded; players missed mates on the move and many got away with totally unsound combinations.

To the purist, such a tournament is anathema. But we live in an impure world and must be thankful for small mercies, provided they are popular. A good example of the forthright and vigorous play required for success in such events is the following game from the 4th round of the Aaronson Masters Tournament.

White:—M. J. Basman. Black:—P. C. Large King's Gambit Declined.

1	P-K4	P-K4	4	Kt-B3	Kt-KB3
2	P-KB4	B-B4	5	B-B4	Kt-B3
3	Kt-KB3	P-Q3	6	P-Q3	P-QR3

So as to answer 7 Kt-QR4 with B-R2.

7 PxP QKtxP

A mistake which allows White to bring a Rook rapidly to the attack on the KB file. Correct was 7 . . . PxP; 8 B-KKt5, Q-Q3; 9 BxKt, QxB; 10 Kt-Q5, Q-Q3 with equality as in Spielmann-Yates, Moscow 1925.

8 KtxKt PxKt 10 R-KB1 BxB
9 B-KB3 B-K3

A safer line was 10 . . . B-K2 countering White's pressure on the KB file.

11 BxKt PxB 12 PxB B-Kt5

If instead he plays 12 . . . P-B3 to prevent the incursion of the Kt then 13 QxQ, RxQ; 14 RxP, wins the pawn.

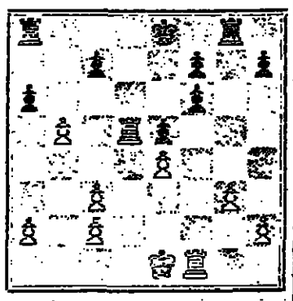
13 Q-Q3 BxKt ch

A better defence was 13 . . . QxQ; 14 PxQ, K-K2; 15 K-K2, P-B3; though there would still be some pressure along the KB file.

14 QxB Q-Q3 16 R-Q3 R-KKt1
15 R-Q1 Q-B5 17 P-KKt3 P-Kt4

A loosening up of the position which Black can ill afford. Better was 17 . . . R-Q1.

18 PxP QxQ ch 19 PxQ



19 . . . R-Kt5

Or 19 . . . PxP; 20 RxBP, RxRP; 21 RxP ch, K-Q1; 22 K-Q2, with a won ending for White.

20 RxP R-B5 ch 22 R-KB5 K-B1
21 K-Q3 PxP

Allowing White to establish a Rook on the 7th rank after which his position is hopeless. A better chance was 22 . . . P-QB3; 23 RxP ch, RxR and 24 RxR ch, K-B1; 25 R-QB5, R-Q1 ch; 26 K-K3, R-Q3.

23 R-Q7 P-QB5 26 R-B2 ch K-Kt1
24 R-B3 ch K-Kt1 27 R-R6 resigns
25 R-Kt7 ch K-R1

After 27 . . . R-QB5; 28 R-Kt6 ch, K-B1; 29 P-KR4 wins quickly.

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were expressed eens when they sale in Geneva. en sold at the s Petit, Paris, in hey were bought dealer J. Selig- ,000 gold francs. askell said: "On in the 1930s they e and they were dealer who dis- is being 'wrong'. t of the reason the Geneva sale, icles in *The New* and some other doubts. In fact, ble, no one had whatever as to city. But this is ually occurs, when ly good or too comes up. Then quibble: It's a not to have to right kind of way, they're now the Cleveland t."

so sold a pair of eens and stands Germain, another silversmith, for 976. They were han the Meissonn- -1744-50. "They is esoteric", Mr ll said, "much eople expect of



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A silver-gilt wager cup modelled as a woman in a long
skirt, with mother of pearl
segments applied: she holds aloft a trochus shell.
By Meinrad Bauch the Elder, Nuremberg,
c 1590. To be sold by Christie's, Geneva, on April 25.

"Grotesque rococo", I suggested.

"Come, come. I've heard it called many things, including Art Nouveau, but I think it's sublime. A magnificent piece of silver."

"I think it is a candidate for my Museum of Bad Taste."

"Well, the Rijksmuseum, who bought it for almost £165,000 would probably disagree with you. But it's not just a piece of silver which you either like or don't like. It is a very important historical piece. It is the first piece that is distinctly auricular. In the same year, Adam van Vianen was producing High Renaissance style pieces, and then suddenly, for no self-explanatory reason, he produced this ewer which was to control Dutch taste and influence the whole of the culture of Holland and parts of Germany for the following 60 years—until the auricular movement got completely out of control with Johannes Lutma and others who simply followed it to its logical extreme, in forms which became too expanded and ridiculous. But this was the starting-point of the movement."

I suggested, "It is amazing that when one speaks of rococo, one thinks of Meissonnier and his period, yet this is more than a century earlier, and one can say it is rococo."

"Um, I wouldn't actually use that word, in fact. If you look hard enough, you can find rococo in an awful lot of things." The style of ornament which the ewer heralded was known at the time as "*fratsen en snaechenven*" and is now known by the nineteenth-century term "*kwabornament*".

Mr Milnes Gaskell said "The market for Dutch silver is strong. The only difficulty is shortage. There is not a vast amount of Dutch silver in this country, and on the whole it all goes back to Holland. What do the Dutch collect? First of all, toys, which until about two years ago were selling very well indeed; but because a considerable number has been made rather recently, the field has been restricted as people have become more uncertain. They also collect teapots, candlesticks and of course brandy bowls. The Dutch made brandy bowls in enormous quantity. They were passed round at weddings filled with brandy and raisins. They are usually oval, rarely octagonal, and the later ones are inclined to be circular and are really of a remarkable boredom of design."

I asked Mr Milnes Gaskell about the German market. "The Germans are somewhat fickle. They're slightly like the Japanese in that respect. You know that the Japanese quite suddenly stopped coming to Impressionist painting sales because they got their fingers burnt: a sort of bush telegraph went round and not a single Japanese would come to an Impressionist sale. The same kind of thing can happen with the Germans. But at this moment the market is strong, and for anything in the top range, like the figure of a *Buttenmann* (grape-harvester) we sold in Geneva in 1976, £35,000 is the kind of price, and it's right it should be." The *Buttenmann* was made by Christoph Zorer at Augsburg in 1580 and fetched £33,000.

Among the silver coming up for sale at Christie's Geneva on Tuesday, April 25, is a rare silver-gilt wager cup of c.1590 by Meinrad Bauch the Elder, of Nuremberg (lot 291). It is in the form of a woman in a long skirt, which is applied with mother of pearl plaques. She holds above her head a trochus shell. "That's a top quality German Renaissance object". Mr Milnes Gaskell said. "There is a piece like it by the same maker in the Hermitage, but it is smaller and instead of carrying a shell above her head, she is rather unattractively balancing a basket of flowers."

In 1973, Christie's sold in London three Italian silver ewers and dishes of 1619. They were sent for sale by Lord de Mauley, a descendant of the fifth Earl of Shaftesbury who bought them in Naples about 1786. The pieces are mentioned by Samuel Rogers in a letter to the Countess of Dunmore, November 8, 1807: "The Shaftesburys are making magnificent preparations. The plate Lord S. bought at Naples for £300 is the handsomest I ever saw—three vast dishes and three ewers richly sculptured like the Shield of Achilles with battles, processions, &c. I saw it at Rundall's (*sic*) yesterday."

The ewers bear arms almost certainly of the Lomellini family of Genoa. In an article in the *Burlington Magazine*, September 1972, Hugh Macandrew pointed out that the lighthouse on a promontory in the well of the dishes "is without doubt the famous Lanterna or Torre di Faro (rebuilt 1543-44), one of the most celebrated landmarks in Genoa". He suggested that the ewers and basins might be the work of a northern goldsmith working in Genoa, for the design was markedly Flemish in character.

The three ewers and basins were divided into two lots by Christie's. The first lot, containing two of them, brought £44,000. The ewers are now in the Victoria and Albert Museum, at Birmingham and in the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. "They are examples of the best High Renaissance work", Mr Milnes Gaskell said. "And I regret that from that time the Italians seem to have produced little of consequence."

What of the rest of Europe? "Spain made marvellous silver during the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. We've sold some important pieces in Geneva. And we sold the most important clutch of Portuguese silver that has ever come on to the market—dating from the fifteenth to the eighteenth century." The Portuguese silver came on to the market during the Revolution: it is likely that all their best antique silver was sold and that we can expect little more to turn up. "There is also quite a lot of interest from mid-European expatriates. Czechoslovakians, for example; and of course from Russian émigrés. That is one of the reasons why Fabergé is so expensive. On the whole the Russian silversmiths produced little of good quality and their ideas were almost entirely eclectic. I have very little time for them. There were two fields in which they were successful: one was the combination of silver or silver-gilt with niello; the other was silver and enamel. There are no great names among the Russians, except perhaps the Tula silversmiths, but they were founded and run by Germans."

Sotheby's have a sale of English and foreign silver coming up on Thursday, May 4. The Continental silver includes a group of Scandinavian tankards and a collection of Swiss spoons.

Bevis Hillier

Travel

A capital resort

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The French were especially proud of their embassy building, and with good reason, for its architecture was—and still is—impressive. This was, to be frank, due to the fact that it should have been built in Cairo. A mix-up in Paris resulted in the plans being sent instead to this other capital city, close to it on the alphabetical list, Cettinje.

Cettinje? You will find it if you look at the map of Yugoslavia, specifically the south end of the Adriatic coast. Now spelt with only one "t" it lies inland from the resort of Budva, about halfway between the Bay of Kotur and Lake Skadar. It is now a town of some 12,000 inhabitants and was the capital of the short lived Kingdom of Montenegro. Travel there today and you may rediscover Ruritania.

You will find it, especially, in what used to be the Palace of King Nicholas (Nikola I Petrovic) who reigned for 58 years until his abdication in 1918. He was Montenegro's only king, and died in Antibes in 1921.

The palace is now the state museum with its grand reception hall and ceremonial dining room, its red drawing room and other chambers, upstairs and down, furnished just as they were when the royal family was in residence. There are displays of postage stamps and coins, of uniforms and glittering decorations—silken sashes, crosses and stars and high orders presented to the rulers of Montenegro from Russia and Italy, Japan and Turkey, and a score of other lands. There are weapons on the walls, china in the cabinets and nostalgia in the atmosphere.

As well as the State Museum there is the collection of ikons and crosses and chasubles in the Cetinje Monastery which is well worth time spent on it. Among the books is the first to be printed in the Slav language—the Octoich of the First Voice, which dates from 1493. Also in the monastery collection is the fourteenth-century crown of Stefan Decanski.

Close by the monastery is the museum of Petar II Petrovic Njegos, the prince-bishop of Montenegro between 1830 and 1851. It is known as the "Biljarda" because of the billiard table that was installed in it in 1830. How the table was manoeuvred up to the town over the mountain tracks is beyond comprehension. But it was, and a table is to be seen in the museum today. Is it the original table, however? According to my guide, it is, but it has been reduced in size. According to others the original table has long since disappeared. Nonetheless, the story of its installation is an interesting and amusing one.

We came to the town from Budva, taking a steep and hair-pinned road whose surface was broken and potholed and whose edge had crumbled away down the almost vertical hill slopes. Retaining stones and barries were missing for the most part, but after enduring such conditions for three or four miles we reached an excellent tarmac surface for the rest of the journey. I was assured that the work being carried out to improve the road would be complete by June and that summer visitors would have a far easier journey. This will bring Cetinje within half an hour of the coast and should increase the number of visitors to what is a most interesting town.

It will also help spread those visitors away from the coast and this, I believe is one of the matters to which Yugoslav tourism authorities should apply their minds. The coast, from Dubrovnik down to Ulcinj, is studded with resorts and each has its crop of modern hotels. I believe enough of these have now been built and attention should be paid to encouraging the development of smaller establishments inland—the kind of hotels that would serve the independent motoring holidaymaker. I am sure they already exist in towns and villages throughout Montenegro and all that is required is for the authorities to improve their standard and organize a centralized booking system.

Some of the hotels are of excellent quality, in particular the Excelsior in Dubrovnik in which I stayed at the beginning and end of my visit. However, I believe there has been enough development near Dubrovnik and that gem of a city is now overwhelmed. What it is like in high summer I dread to think, though nothing can detract from its ancient dignity.

Apart from Cetinje, I was able to visit resorts all down the coast from Dubrovnik and intend in my next article to write more about them.

All indications are that Yugoslavia will be filled with tourists at the height of summer, especially in and around those coast resorts. If one can visit the country during May, early June or September, I would advise that rather than go in July and August, but I am told that a few holidays are still available throughout the year. Yugotours of 150 Regent Street, London, W1R 5FA specializes in that country—as its name implies—and has already sold more than 80 per cent of its original inclusive holiday programme. The company's sales manager, Mr G. A. Winkley, says that an extra 15,000 holidays have been made available through the introduction of six new weekly flights from Gatwick and Manchester to Dubrovnik, Split and Pula. Other tour companies report excellent business, although strangely—and quite against this general trend—Intasun has withdrawn its programme to Dubrovnik and Pula, apparently because of low bookings.

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Gardening

When you're in clover

Some people work off their hate against their employer, their spouse, or the social system by chopping off weeds with a hoe. Others, I am told, do it by smiting a golf ball. I am no golfer and not addicted to hoeing. I prefer to control weeds so far as possible by chemical means.

Weed control is a rather complex matter. We have weeds on paths and drives; on lawns, among established plants—trees, shrubs, fruit trees and bushes and herbaceous plants. We have weeds that grow as fast as or faster than our annual crops of flowers and vegetables. Then we have the problem of getting rid of weeds, brambles and other undergrowth on neglected land.

With all these problems we have chemicals to help. On paths and drives where we need long lasting control of every kind of weed we have simazine and dichlobenil. The latter is sold as Casoron G. Simazine is sold in various formulations but for paths and drives I use Murphy simazine total weedkiller. Both these chemicals should keep the drive or other areas free from weeds for the rest of the growing season. If large broad leaved weeds are present I apply a selective weed killer as well as the simazine.

Lawn weeds are fairly easily controlled these days with any one of several selective lawn weedkillers. Clover can be a nuisance but is controlled by Clovercide Extra which contains ioxynil and mecoprop and Clovotox which consists of mecoprop only. The presence of clover in a lawn normally suggests that it is on the alkaline side so dressings of an acid nitrogenous fertilizer are indicated. A quarter of an ounce of sulphate of ammonia to the square yard well watered in applied every 14 days until you have put on 1½ozs to the square yard should work wonders, and keep the clover under control.

Some weeds, especially those that creep among the grass like yarrow, are not so easy to control as broad leaved weeds like dandelions, daisies and plantains. With these creeping weeds it pays to rake them well clear of the grass. If necessary a second application of a selective weedkiller may have to be given.

Controlling weeds among established plants is rather more complicated. Let us deal first with perennial weeds—thistles, dandelions and the rest. Provided the weeds are not growing among clumps of herbaceous plants such as michaelmas daisies, phloxes and the like they can be controlled by watering on paraquat (Weedol) or in the case of weeds other than grasses a selective weedkiller.

If they are infesting clumps of herbaceous plants ground elder and convolvulus can be very troublesome in this respect. You can try spot treating them by painting the leaves laboriously with a selective weedkiller. But I have found over many years that the weeds usually win. There comes a time when the growth of the herbaceous plants is so lush that you cannot get at the leaves of the weeds, and even a few leaves on a weed are enough to keep it alive and growing. In the end it pays to lift the clumps now, divide them, wash the roots clean, pick out the weed roots and plant the divisions in a spare piece of clean ground for the summer.

Leave the bed or border empty for the summer and let the weeds grow really lush. Then water on a selective weedkiller—more than once if necessary. If couch grass is present apply dalapon as well. Then next spring you should have a really clean border and be able to move your plants back into it.

If your beds, borders, fruit or vegetable patches are free of perennial weeds you can keep annual weeds under control in several ways. You can water on Weedol, when the weeds are very small, using a dribble bar on the watering can, taking care that the chemical does not come into contact with the green leaves or stems of your cultivated plants.

Or you can water the ground with Herbon Garden Herbicide which destroys weeds just as the seeds germinate and keeps clean ground clean. Many readers have availed themselves of our special offer of Herbon, which incidentally is still open. The five litre can of Herbon which costs £8.25 will treat about 2,000 square feet and this means that hoeing is eliminated over a large area of garden.

Simazine and Casoron G may also be used in various formulations or dilutions to control weeds among plants such as roses and fruit bushes.

On neglected ground where there are such horrible weeds as brambles and brushwood, 245T, sold as a brushwood killer, is very effective.

A few reminders about using these chemicals. Always read the instructions and carry them out. Don't be tempted to put an extra dose in the can because with some chemicals like the selective weedkillers too strong an application will burn the leaves and the chemical will not be absorbed into the sap stream of the plant, which is the object of the operation.

Do not store weedkillers in a greenhouse or conservatory. If inadvertently you leave the cap off a bottle of selective weedkiller in a greenhouse the fumes can play havoc with your tomatoes and various other plants.

Always wash watering cans out thoroughly after using a weedkiller. Better still have several cans for different weedkillers and paint on distinguishing marks for each—total, selective for lawns, Herbon or whatever. Then you don't have to bother washing out the can, but I do advise you to wash out a dribble or sprinkler bar thoroughly after use, as the tiny holes are easily clogged.

Now to something quite different—a new variety of the good old garden swede named "Marian". This was bred by the Welsh Plant Breeding Station at Aberystwyth and marketed through the National Seed Development Organization which acts for the official plant breeding stations in the United Kingdom.

This swede has good resistance to mildew and club root. If you have had trouble with these diseases, "Marian" is worth a trial. It is one of many new varieties of seeds which are being marketed under the "Garden Pride" label in various retail outlets but in case of difficulty contact E. T. Gibbs Ltd, 170-2 High Road, East Finchley, London N2 or Woodwards Seeds Ltd, 13 Moorfields, Liverpool 2.

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Tax and the Liberals: a last throw?

The public unveiling of the Liberal Budget cannot be designed principally to influence the Government. It is both too late and too soon for that. It must be too late to change more than the marginal details of the Chancellor's statement on Tuesday; and it is too soon for the arguments that are bound to take place on the precise figures in that statement.

The purpose of the Liberal dramatics this week has therefore been to publicize the party's stand on income tax cuts. Mr Steel and his colleagues want the electorate to associate them with a popular issue and the exercise of a bit of political muscle. There could be few more popular issues than cutting income tax—even if the total package, with compensating increases elsewhere, might bring a somewhat diminished glow of satisfaction.

The issue has two other advantages for them. The broad proposition that direct taxes bear too high a proportion of the total tax burden is undoubtedly correct. One of the side effects of a succession of incomes policies has been that in the attempt to win trade union acquiescence indirect taxes have been held down too much so as not to push up the cost of living index.

But the money has had to be raised somehow, so income tax has gone higher and higher. This has not been healthy either economically or even socially, because it has intensified the poverty trap.

To correct this balance may be a more difficult exercise than the Liberals themselves acknowledge because every time indirect taxes are increased the cost of living index goes up and certain wage rates and social security benefits automatically follow suit. But the general objective of switching the tax burden from income to indirect taxes must surely be right irrespective of whether the Chancellor feels able to introduce a generous Budget.

This objective must also be particularly close to the hearts of just those voters whom the Liberals are most in danger of losing through the pact with Labour—the erstwhile dissident Tories.

But if the issue is popular enough can the Liberals really persuade anyone that they have the political muscle to fight for it? Throughout the duration of the pact Mr Steel has handled his own party with consummate skill, but he has been excessively trusting towards Mr Callaghan. This does not mean that he should have broken the pact over proportional representation for the European Parliament. That would have been a classic case of putting down a firm foot in the wrong place. But the Liberals have conveyed the general impression of being rather too faithful friends, so that they have failed to win the political credit for the modest influence that they have exerted. Can they now be seen to be effective?

Ideally, they should have held this week's press conference before Easter when they could have threatened not to support the Budget resolutions unless the Chancellor's statement contained certain specific items. But to make such a threat now, when there is no longer time to bring effective pressure to bear on the Budget statement, would be to risk finding themselves committed to vote against a Budget that went a good way to meet their wishes simply because some details did not accord with their precise specifications.

So they are now saying that they expect to be able to vote for the Budget resolutions, believing that Mr Healey will in general have moved sufficiently far in the right direction, but that they will seek to amend the Finance Bill if it does not meet their requirements on certain points—in particular if it does not either cut the standard rate of income tax to 30p in the pound or provide for a new lower band of taxation at somewhere about 20p to 25p in the pound.

The political risks that they run in taking this position is not so much that they will appear as irresponsible wreckers, despite the fulminations of ministers, as that they will fail once again to make their pressure effective.

If they were to increase the size of the Budget deficit they would indeed be in danger of incurring the blame for further inflation. But if they simply insist on changing the balance of taxation they can afford in political terms to be as tough as they like, and the more they dramatize their toughness the better it will be for them.

Whatever ministers may say, they will not want a summer election. The opinion polls are not encouraging, the Scotland and Wales Bills could not have been passed by then, and no government in its right mind would want to fight an election on its refusal to cut income tax further.

The Government might, of course, be forced in to an early election if the Finance Bill was mutilated, but Labour have more to fear than the Liberals from going to the polls before the autumn.

Labour may reasonably hope that their prospects will improve simply by holding on. The same cannot be said of the Liberals. They seem likely to do badly whenever the election is held. The longer it is delayed the longer will the probable end of some Liberal parliamentary careers be postponed. But that is just about all. They may reap some unexpected dividends from the Lib-Lab pact, but they have already demonstrated that they can be cooperative partners. What they need to show is that they can be hard bargainers.

Once the Budget statement has been delivered negotiations will begin on precise figures. The Liberals have already gone two thirds of the way to commit themselves on the irreducible minimum they would accept. They would then need to be absolutely specific.

If they managed to change the Finance Bill they would then be associated by the general public with a more popular issue than for a long time. If they tried hard and failed they would lose nothing and perhaps gain something. If they provoked an election in the process they would have a good issue to fight on. But if they seemed to be flabby they would have lost everything except a few months' reprieve.

Fred Emery is on holiday.

My life, shmalz goes shmuck

Some people get killed by falling off the roof. Tevie, Sholem Aleichem's hero, unique as ever, got killed by climbing on to the roof. The calamity befell him as soon as he was removed from Sholem Aleichem's safe custody and taken over by a motley crowd of New York music makers and script writers, who had no clue how to look after him in his old age.

For half a century Sholem Aleichem's genius hovered over our Tevie the milkman. Under the master's benevolent eye he was deliciously funny and astringently witty. With the New York crowd he lapsed into sickening banality and sloppy sentimentality. In fact, he became a bore, harping on "tradition" and trying to explain himself instead of just being himself. Those who saw him in London will testify to the change in Tevie.

Before Tevie was put on the roof and given the designation "fiddler" (though in actual fact he had never touched a musical instrument and his total musicianship amounted to reciting the prayers aloud and humming the more telling passages to the accompaniment of his clacking milk churns) he used to converse with the Almighty, treat Him as an old pal and tell Him off when He went too far. On the roof he began to talk like a member of a United Nations Committee to Investigate the Treatment of the Jews by the Czar. I am greatly surprised that none of Tevie's descendants—he had six daughters—has protested.

What has happened to our Tevie has happened to Jewish humour in general—both writer-created and folk-made—in print, on stage and in mouth-to-mouth circulation.

The great Jewish centres of the Diaspora have a habit of moving every couple of centuries or so—Babylon, Egypt—Spain — France — Germany — Russia — Poland — Lithuania —the USA. The post-Sholem Aleichem Jewish humorists in the United States present a decline which is also reflected in American Jewish folk humour. Even Moshe Nadir, the greatest American Jewish humorist, a man who was capable of producing choice humourous pieces had a habit of lapsing into polemics or teasing ignorant or obstreperous editors. This is all very well. Who dislikes clever polemics? But it is not liberated or liberating humour.

Let me give an example of what inconsistent Nadir (nb: Moshe not Ralph) was capable of. It is the story of a chap who came from Russia, found a job and saved up his first twenty dollars. So he opens a saving account, like all good Americans, gets a lovely, shiny, saving book, puts it into his pocket, bows to the teller, leaves the bank and takes up a position outside. He is not picketing, God forbid, but he does not trust them with his hard-earned twenty dollars, and wants to keep an eye on the bank until closing time, when they will put on the heavy locks. Moshe Nadir was the bridge between great era and the decline.

To be sure, the switch from Yiddish to English is only one of the reasons for the decline, perhaps a marginal one. English is, of course, given to the writing of great humour, and the new, American-born, generation of Jewish writers can write English with the best of them. Still, the decline is there for all to see. Let me cite an example of the second rate. It may make you smile but it is still second rate. Hyman Kaplan, another new immigrant, cannot pronounce "New York Herald Tribune" and keeps on saying "New York *Harold* Tr
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S. J. Go

Football's clean-up must begin on the field



It would be foolish to pretend that there was any direct relationship between the self-confessed misbehaviour on the football field of Philip Thompson, of Liverpool, a fortnight ago, and the piracy by the club's supporters on a cross-Channel ferry a week later. But the close chronological proximity of the two events highlights the embivalent attitude taken to violence by the football authorities.

If the players under their control can be allowed to operate in an atmosphere where the players can openly confess to the "professional foul"—that is a premeditated transgression of the laws of the game and a total negation of its spirit—how can they be sure, as too often they seem to be, that football hooliganism is no more than a sociological parasite latched on to the simon-pure game they administer?

The Football Association have now charged Thompson with bringing the game into disrepute (as if that were still possible), although his contribution is but a drop in the ocean of misbehaviour. At least it is a start, but they can, and must, do much more, as I shall hope to make clear.

But first a word about Thompson. In a way, he deserves some sympathy, since he merely said openly what so many footballers think and feel, namely that any means, however despicable, can justify the end of halting an opponent who is clean through with a sight on goal. Thompson is almost a fall guy, a man tainted enough to chop down a would-be goal scorer in the security, as he thought, of the safety zone outside the penalty area, but honest enough to confess to his sin.

But nothing can undo the harm already done, and subsequently done, by the cynical observation that any other footballer would have done the same. If players have so little regard for the laws of the game why should those who idolize them heed the laws that govern all of us in our everyday pursuits. Has the PFA come now to mean the Professional Foulers Association?

At least the FA are taking action against Thompson. But what about the conduct of Emlyn Hughes, captain of Liverpool and once of England? When a colleague's "equalizing goal" for Liverpool was disallowed on the ground that he had brought the ball under control with the upper part of the arm rather than his chest, Hughes ran 50 yards to protest to the referee. On this occasion he was in no position, at left back, to question the referee's decision, but that did not prevent him from discarding any form of self-control and offering a strident challenge to authority. This may be characteristic of the captain, but not of the club.

Football's administrators should no longer tolerate this sort of behaviour. They may not be responsible for ravaged shops, robbed street traders, terrorized shoppers, disgusted travellers and scandalized foreigners—but then again they may. It is at least arguable that these disgraceful scenes would be reduced, even eradicated, if the players set a proper example.

We in the press, too, could play a part by pulling not a single punch when players conduct themselves like hooligans. We are ready enough to do so when players from other countries are involved, but are loath to criticize our own kind. I well recall two incidents a few years ago involving the Polish team that reveal the depth of our double standards. In Katowice the British press were up in arms when a Welsh player with a reputation for the "physical" was sent off during a World Cup match. A few months later there was almost complete silence on the subject when Poland came to Wembley and one of their players was upended by an Englishman in much the same circumstances that have now brought Thompson into unenviable prominence.

The press have to live with the players, often sharing the same aircraft, the same hotel, the same dining room when matches are abroad. It is, therefore, a matter of acute embarrassment to attack a player and to find oneself face to face with him on a social occasion later the same day. But the embarrassment must be suffered.

A number of things need to be done by the authorities. First they must undertake a crusade in support of the referees. Any players showing dissent should be harshly dealt with; even more severe measures should be taken against club officials who speak out against match officials. It might just be argued (though followers of Rugby Union or Rugby League find no need to do so) that the players might be acting on the spur of the heated moment. No such defence can be offered by a club manager sounding off in the alcoholic haze of the board room an hour after the match. The plea for "professional" referees begs the question. The man has not been born who can be right every time, and even if he were he would still be pilloried by players and supporters whose sense of fair play seems to vanish with the three o'clock whistle. Patrick Partridge, has a high reputation, but it did not spare him Hughes's wrath.

Next, there must be an end to the encroachment into the 10 yards statutorily allowed for free kicks. The prospect of a referee having to chivvy players into withdrawing is unseemly and degrading. There is a simple remedy at hand, provided by another example of the rugby code.

There, a free kick is advanced 10 yards (perhaps metres now) if the defending team have not withdrawn by the time the kick is ready to be taken. It can be advanced by the same margin if the offence is repeated. In football this can go on until the penalty area is reached, whereupon a penalty could be awarded if the law is still not observed. The remedy is so simple that I am at a loss to understand why it has not already been applied (I do not pretend that this is an original suggestion).

Even if there is a hidden objection to this change, at least a referee should never allow a kick to stand when it is clear that the players have advanced into forbidden territory. There is no reason why the should not allow the kick to be taken again, and yet again, unless a goal were scored, in which case the defending team would have got what they deserved.

Excessive displays of exuberance on the achievement of a goal should be severely discouraged. At best they smack of conceited exhibitionism; at worst they are invitatons, accompaned by two-fingered gestures, to the goons on the terraces to taunt their opposite numbers. In any case it commonly happens that the man who finally touches the ball is only a secondary figure in a movement that produces a goal. Beyond that, football is a team game and no player should be allowed to feel that he stands in a special position. Brains in the boots make adjustment difficult. Clubs should clamp down, too, on dirty play, for which the euphemism "physical" has been coined for British football that is; any old term of abuse will do for foreigners) and on so-called gamesmanship (though much more meanminded than anything Stephen Potter ever envisaged).

Since it is commonly agreed that drink plays an important part in the thuggery that haunts those who live near a football ground, the game should outlaw any connexion with companies trading in alcoholic products.

There are other, even seamier, aspects of the game that perhaps are less easy of solution. Football has become, like so many other games, over-commercialized and again the press must bear its share of blame. Chequebook journalism leads to unsavoury disclosures (sometimes exaggerated if not wholly fictitious) which further devalue the game.

In other words, the time is past for football to maintain that it is a blameless victim of a rising tide of sociological misdemeanour. Perhaps if footballers and football officials learnt to behave themselves the spectators might be encouraged to do likewise.

John Hennessy

The man sitting on top of the ant heap in happy city, Jerusalem



Mr Teddy Kollek: Jerusalem is a beautiful open city.

"*It's sad*
To be the Mayor of Jerusalem."
wrote the Israeli poet Amichai, the year of Teddy Kollek's election.
"*How can any man be the*
mayor of a city like that?
What can he do with her?
He will build and build and
build."

That was 1965. Since then the mayor has done just that. "We cannot stop building Jerusalem because of changes or dangers the future may hold", he writes in his autobiography *For Jerusalem*, out last week, "any more than we can sacrifice any future cultural or aesthetic needs to present convenience. At worst we are like ants building the most beautiful ant heap that was ever created and . . . (if it is destroyed) we will build it again and again, as well and as beautifully as we know how".

Few people would accept the beauty of the present ant heap: building in Jerusalem is a very sore subject today and one on which Teddy Kollek, in London last week, is sensitive. The mayor's love of his city is beyond question, as is his desire to make Jerusalem the architectural miracle of our age. It was, after all, Kollek who in 1968 formed the Jerusalem Committee, a group of distinguished international artists, architects and historians invited to Jerusalem to study a scheme for the architectural future of the city. That master plan, like many before and since, was lost in disagreement and confusion.

"We are working", he says now, "very hard to make the city more beautiful: several large parks, a hundred pocket parks, the size of a London garden square, only open, not fenced. It's an open city, you can move freely around. We have adopted a policy I believe is right: keep the valleys open for green areas, and build on top of the hills.

"What concerns the world is the Old City, and there we have dealt very responsibly with everything. We are beginning to clear 600 acres around the Old City to protect it, and have a forest belt around the city as a whole to stop it growing into an urban conglomerate." He adds, firmly, that while an international concern for the Old City is very right and proper, "the building all around it concerns no one but *us*"

And yet none of this gives quite the whole picture. The fact is, as his last and somewhat defensive remark implies, that many-storey apartment blocks and hotels have gone up, that new settlements dominate the old town, and that historical monuments have been lost in the scramble. Kollek's assertion that the *Sunday Times* and *Newsweek* published fake pictures of high rise buildings crowning the city and destroying one of the finest city skylines in the world, by using tele lenses, distorting all proportion, does not quite ring true.

The issue goes beyond that of architecture to the nature of the city itself. Critics have argued that since the Six Day War and the "reunification" of Jerusalem, the city has been losing its spiritual character in an attempt to catch up with modern times, and that what city planning there is now, has been dictated more by a keenness to attract foreign capital than by a concern to preserve the past. Teddy Kollek himself is very conscious of Jerusalem as a tourist town. "We have" he says with pleasure, "lots of visitors, less than 400,000 inhabitants and 20,000 to 30,000 visitors a day. They are very visible very colourful".

And beyond his genuine, personal architectural priorities —the patching up and preserving of old buildings wherever possible, rather than replacing them with new, despite higher costs—lies a greater concern with the people who inhabit his city. "I want to give everyone the feeling that Jerusalem is *his* city", he says. "That he will not be set upon by Israelis and that he will be treated with dignity."

It is not an easy task. Hundreds of Arab families have been evicted and their homes destroyed to make way for new development, all but the Jewish students feel that the educational system is loaded against them, and the Jerusalem Arabs, non-citizens as they feel themselves to be, liable to expulsion at any time, resent paying taxes, a portion of which goes to maintain an army to confront fellow Arabs.

"The Arabs", explains Kollek, "pay lower taxes because we have large exemptions for great numbers of children, and they tend to have large families. It's true that they are higher than in Jordanian times, but then we are a high-tax, high-service society. They accept the services gladly, but they don't know why they should pay for them." And are Arabs and Jews equal?

There is nothing hesitant in Kollek's manner; he has been asked every question a hundred times before, and has planned his answers long ago. "Legally yes", he says. "In practice they have advantages and disadvantages. They can travel to Jordan and back whenever they want to. I can't. They can send their children to an Arab or a Hebrew univeristy. On the other hand they are more afraid of the PLO than I am. The Arab does not dare express himself, or stand for election to the City Council. He is afraid his son or daughter in Beirut will be assasinated."

Teddy Kollek is optimistic about Jerusalem's future, which he sees strictly in terms of separate communities, though he adds that it still needs time to make the now "shallow roots of neighbourly relations deeper." That Jerusalem should remain united is he says questioned only by people outside Israel, who do not have the city's well-being at heart. "You wouldn't even find an Arab who wanted to put back the walls and the barbed wire."

Separate mosaics of different culture are not only totally unavoidable, but desirable. "People want to live among their own smells, within the sound of their own language, and near their synagogue, or mosque, or school. There is no stigma for us in separation, because it was like this 2,000 years ago. We find it makes for strong community ties, a comparatively low crime rate." (Kollek says that he walks around Jerusalem unguarded, in contrast to other prominent world figures). "The world is going in the direction of separatism. That is where human nature takes you. We have never tried a melting pot in Jerusalem. It didn't exist before 1948. It doesn't now."

The composition of the city, separate as its Christian, Moslem and Jewish communities are, comes under constant fire. "I have many arguments with Begin's party" admits Teddy Kollek. "Which thinks that we should 'thin out' the Arabs. But I would like to preserve the relationship as it is. The Jerusalem Arabs have one of the highest birth rates in the world. Ours, if you add in emigration is about the same."

I asked him about the current Begin-Sadar discussions, and how they affected Jerusalem? "I don't want to discuss national politics, because I am critical of Begin's policies" he says. "But I believe that on the whole Jerusalem is a happy city on an everyday level. National aspirations are very different from everyday life. Say that tomorrow there is peace. My job won't be any different: trying to make people to live together tolerably in spite of different aspirations. It happens also that I have followed a more tolerant and conciliatory attitude of the former Labour ment, and certainly than Begin's."

The photograph on of *For Jerusalem* middle-aged man w hair and the open, s of a football coach. Teddy Kollek looks squatter: a wily owl, eyes and sandy hai ruffled like feather brooding expressio when he smiles, a st which is charming. know what sort of a c are writing", he say you want some gossip

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If the night flights keep you awake
I will call London Airport and tell them
to land their dangerous junk elsewhere.

And if you fall asleep with the sleeve
of my jacket under your head,
sooner than wake you, I'll cut it off.

But if you say:
"Fix me a plug on this mixer."
I grumble and take my time.

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HALLENGE FOR THE UNIONS

one of the most efficiently ged companies in Britain. one of the most successful major international chemi- mpanies. It makes a large bution to Britain's foreign gs and its management is ted or admired throughout rld.

en even ICI report that the ctivity of their labour is elow that of their inter- al competitors that is bad indeed for Britain. This is e case of a British industry is already known to be managed and greatly over- d. It is not the case of a corporation which has d from bad political direc- d the temptation to rely lic funds. This is one of st large companies that can show, and yet even udged by our best we fall hind the labour produc- of other countries.

Bob Haslam, who is the ector responsible for per- has told a staff meeting sales value per employee omes to £23,000 compared 30,000-£35,000 for Euro- ompetitors and £35,000- for United States itors. In other words, an productivity is about cent higher while produc- n the American chemical y comes up to a level double that of ICI. Yet past fifteen years ICI great emphasis on rais- oductivity. In the great y of other industries the considerably wider. s still a successful com- spite this low labour pro- , because the relatively ges paid in Britain are d with ICI's efficiency in r factors of production. son for this low labour ivity is not that ICI man- is wasteful in its atti- wards labour, but that ion restrictive practices, particularly demarca- e it impossible even for vigorous and highly professional management to bring British productivity up to the internationally competitive level.

The trade union defence, as put to the *Financial Times* by Mr Roger Ward, who is a national negotiator for the National Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, is that ICI's productivity is low because ICI pays lower wages than are paid in Europe or the United States. "If ICI paid more, it would get higher productivity." There is no evidence to show that increasing wages to the European level would by itself secure any improvement in productivity in the chemical or any other industry.

Indeed the relationship between pay and productivity is the opposite one. Wages are low in Britain because productivity is low. As each worker creates less real wealth than a comparable worker in Europe or the United States or Japan, his payment for creating that lesser amount of wealth can only be a lower real wage. The standard of living in Britain is approximately half that of the United States because the Americans produce approximately twice as much as we do. If you only brew half a pint of beer you only have half a pint to drink.

The main causes of our low productivity are to be found in restrictive practices imposed or supported by the trade unions and in some cases in the breakdown of industrial discipline in the face of trade union power. Wasteful demarcation, slow servicing, refusal to operate new machinery and overmanning are the main restrictive practices. In addition the trade unions will not discipline their members and will not allow management to discipline them either.

Merely putting up wages in this situation would be a futile operation; a general increase in British wages without a general increase in productivity could only lead to a fall in the exchange value of the pound, which would at best put us back to the original position compared to our main competitors. Higher real wages per man can only be achieved by higher real output per man. If trade unions help to achieve higher real output they tend to raise both real wages and the employment prospects of their members; when trade unions hinder output they make their members poorer and less likely to be employed.

Unfortunately trade unions are at present by far the most important obstacle to the achievement of higher real output per man. Low productivity inhibits investment. Given a choice no investor will buy plant to be operated by too many men, with too many strikes, or at too slow a rate. Low productivity therefore makes people poor both because it creates less present wealth and because it discourages investment which would assist creating greater future wealth. Low productivity is the most serious of all the problems which afflict the British economy.

The British economy, in the face of rapidly increasing world competition, can only survive if it can be raised to a reasonable level of productive efficiency. In the 1970 recession and the British standard of living have stagnated. In the competition of the 1980s British standards of living can be expected to fall unless we raise our productivity. The trade unions themselves cannot perform any useful function if they cannot help their members raise productivity. That means a complete change of attitude in the trade union movement, something which seems impossible; it is so necessary that we can scarcely contemplate the economic consequences if we remain as the one thoroughly unproductive industrial country in a hyper-competitive world.

THAT IS WHAT MRS THATCHER MEAN

ast two days both major ave declared their posi- immigration. For the ent, Mr Merlyn Rees clear in the House of on Thursday that they ll stand essentially on policies. For the Con- s, Mr Whitelaw pre- new package of restric- he party's central coun- eicester yesterday. His purpose is to be d: it is right to believe ict controls on future ion should be an aid to e relations—though they ever be mistaken for a ations policy in them- But the case for further ns has been evident for ne: the difficulty has ind measures that would effective and humane.

of Mr Whitelaw's pro- hould pass both these hout too much difficulty. ationality law has been for a long time because ie more curious legacies re is that there is no ory definition of British ip. It will be more diffi- evise one than is readily ted in the bold atmo- f a conference hall, but ted law is necessary and prevent another sudden, ted influx of immigrants legal right to settle in Mr Whitelaw was justi- in proposing that hus- nd fiancés should e ave the right to set- in just because they re d to be married to a subject. The exten to his provision offer a in this country's imi- laws because of the sian of the arranged marriage rehearsed often enough it will always be neces- exercise discretion with sitivity if genuine human s are to be avoide more difficult to deter- mine the merits of a register for those wives and children from the Indian sub-continent eligible to settle in Britain. There would be considerable advantages in knowing just how many there are with that right: that would remove one of the uncertainties that is most damaging for race relations. The question is whether a register would serve that purpose. It could not be comprehensive. There are sound practical reasons why Mr Whitelaw wants to confine the register to wives and children. It could not even include all of them. Women yet to be married by and children yet to be born to men resident in this country could not be put on it: none the less they would still have the right to come here in due course.

Even so, a register would still be worthwhile if it was certain to be accurate within its limits. But there is always the danger that it might inflate the numbers eligible to come, partly from human error and partly because it might seem provident to exaggerate how many dependents one has with a right some day to enter Britain. The Franks Committee, which reported last year with evident scepticism on the feasibility of a register, drew a distinction between a register of estimation, which would indicate a global total, and a register of reference, with reliable information in individual cases. Only the second type of register, with the extra expenditure and effort that would be involved in checking entries, would be worth the trouble—and it will be interesting to see if the Conservatives are prepared to take that additional trouble when they provide more details.

The best register in the world, however, could be a measure only of entitlement not of intention. It would not tell us exactly how many wives and children will actually seek to come to Britain—and there is always the danger that an artificially-inflated register would exacerbate the very fears it was meant to soothe. There is also the objection, which Whitelaw seemed to regard as an asset, that the introduction of the register would cause further administrative delay processing entry certificates. One of the most sensible judgments in the recent report from the select committee on race relations and immigration was that it was better for those wives and children intending to take up the right to settle here to be allowed in as quickly as possible, especially as children brought up in a British environment and taught in British schools would be expected to find less difficulty in adapting.

One register has been compiled the Conservatives intend to introduce a quota system for all immigration from non-EEC countries. The essence of a quota system is that it is a mechanism which can have very different effects according to the level at which it is set. If it was set low enough to postpone still longer the entry of wives and children who have the right to come here it would be positively damaging. But if it was set high enough to avoid that it would probably, taking account of the other restrictions the Conservatives propose, be a somewhat cumbersome means of achieving little—except just possibly conveying an illusory impression that British immigration control has little to do with our problems of race relations.

Altogether, Mr Whitelaw has put forward a package of restrictions which would between them significantly reduce the rate of immigration (disqualifying perhaps between a quarter and a third of the annual number currently admitted for permanent settlement from the Indian sub-continent) without bringing near the prospect of its end. But then that was never a serious possibility.

LERIES TO THE RESCUE

ncrease in urchase to the art galleries and is is good new to all oncerned about the vol- sales of major works of m British collections to buyers. Since e level of vas last fixed, ree years flation has erely re- heir effective alue. The ocation not ov restores n but also di butes the illion pounds evalued to prices, set ide by the dor in Octo last year. ermore the uivalent of million pou s in today's will be add to the gal- rants at the beginning of t financial ear, 1979-80. nual, inste of triennial, on of fu marks an nt change the system ts. As lon as the prices ects suitle for the l collectio continue to eply—an there is little on that t will level off nual adjment to funds ssary if galleries and ns are maintain a acquisi policy. sters ha also stated their at it is the experts in leries museums and lifician decide which works coming on to the market should be reserved for the national collections; and they back it by awarding the whole of the additional million pounds directly to the institutions, rejecting the establishment of a central rescue fund. The principle commends itself, but there are difficulties in practice.

Times for the private collector continue to be hard and more works are finding their way to the salerooms, there to be welcomed by a ready and eager number of foreign buyers, most notably the agents of the American collectors. Soon this demand will increase further as the fortune of the late John Paul Getty is to be used to furnish an art museum in his memory. The consequent higher prices will have to be matched by the national collections if a work is not to leave Britain. There will be a time when an object is so expensive, or the number of major works coming on to the market in a single year is so large that even out of their enlarged grants British galleries and museums will not be able to buy all the works that ought to be kept. Or else the whole of their funds will become committed to rescue, to the neglect of more methodical development of their collections. It is then that some form of financial safety net will be needed, preferably a contingency fund.

The basis of the present system of export control is also being questioned again. All major works are part of a world market in precious and rare objects, a trade which thrives in Britain, and it is a private collector's right to take part in that market. Too restrictive controls on international art trading tend to be self defeating, leading to elaborate evasions and smuggling, replacing the export licence with the fishing boat.

The system for balancing the rights of the individual to buy and sell with the need for some safeguard for the artistic heritage of the nation, laid down by Lord Waverley's Committee in 1952, is a workable if imperfect compromise, deserving a further lease of life. Like so many of Britain's established procedures, it is the least bad available and one which, with a generous approach from all sides, avoids the excesses of an unhampered free market and of too rigid state control.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coaching of Test cricketers

From Mr E. R. Dexter

Sir, I was naturally flattered to read John Woodcock, your Cricket Correspondent (March 13) when he proposed that I should be considered for inclusion in the England Test team for the tour to Australia later this year. However, whilst the idea of returning to the front line to help retain the Ashes has emotional attractions, it is contrary to my conviction that top class cricket is increasingly a young man's game; and that we have much young talent from which to choose.

Your correspondent's diagnosis is that, whilst our bowling and fielding are first rate, our batting is not. His solution is to encourage a more buccaneering approach. But the "buccaneering touch" is only the outward sign of the confidence and positive thinking which arise from genuine skill. To bat effectively in Test cricket a variety of attributes are needed including talent, courage, technique and know-how and it was these latter elements of higher education which used to be handed down man to man—that is until Kerry Packer so dramatically removed almost an entire generation of senior England Test batsmen.

I have just completed and costed a detailed plan of action to bridge this sudden gap in the normal process of education and communication. Roughly, it would consist of a short end-of-season course at which the cream of the country's young cricketing talent would be subjected to instruction and counsel by the best cricketing brains; coupled with an award scheme for the season's best performances, based on technique, skill, etc, rather than sudden flashes in the pan.

I have discussed the proposal with leading members of cricket's governing bodies who have given their approval in principle.

I now need an astute businessman who can see the advantage to his company and its products of sponsoring England's reply to Mr Packer—but at a cost which works out at no more than one of Messrs Rolls-Royce's more exotic motor cars. And if we are going to improve England's Test chances, I must meet my astute (and patriotic) businessman soon.

I am, Sir,
Yours sincerely,
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Ealing Common, W5.

What Lebanese have paid

From Mr J. Garnel

Sir, After reading David Watts's article "Three little boys who symbolize the price the Lebanese have paid" (April 4), it occurred to me that the caption was an unfinished sentence, and it could have ended "for PLO occupation".

I find it rather odd that although there were about 500 times more casualties in the Lebanon civil war instigated by the PLO, there was less attention drawn to the plight of the victims at the time by the media than is being paid today, following the routing of the PLO. I also find it curious that Mr Watts should report that the United Nations peace-keeping force restrictions against the return of armed Palestinians for which they have a UN mandate, seemed "unreasonable" to returning Muslim refugees. It should also be pointed out that the houses "systematically wrecked" had harboured terrorists.

The day after the PLO's deliberate massacre of civilians in Israel the PLO predicted retaliation, but they could have predicted this even before their own raid took place. The Arabs in Lebanon therefore know who is to blame for the death and destruction in that country due to war. The Lebanese Arabs, Muslim and Christian, can now hope that something positive will emerge from Israel's incursion into that unfortunate country, and that is, independence and peace at last with the help of the UN forces.

Yours truly,
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Sussex.

Safety in older buildings

From Mrs P. W. Brown

Sir, I was alarmed to read in last week's *Architects' Journal* that the Department of the Environment proposes a massive extension and revision of the Building Regulations which "could spell the end of Georgian and Victorian domestic architecture as we know it". Three-storey houses which are structurally altered or change their use will have to be provided with two escape routes and all doors opening on to stairways will have to be fire resisting.

The York Georgian Society hopes that all amenity societies are being made aware of this new threat to our heritage before a flood of unsightly excrescences destroys historical character under the guise of protective legislation.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA BROWN, Secretary,
Historic Buildings Committee,
York Georgian Society,
The King's Manor,
York.
April 5.

Racial distinctions

From Mrs Dharm Sheel Chowdhary

Sir, I was interested in the letter by S. C. Fleischer, in *The Times* Wednesday, April 5.

I came to this great country and straight to this area in July, 1932, to join my doctor husband, Dharm Sheel Chowdhary, and have lived here happily ever since. I must say that I have never been made to feel that I am black or immigrant. I receive kindness and respect from all my English friends, neighbours and trades people. So it is understandable that I dislike to be called black (it so happens that I am of very pale complexion) or immigrant because I do not feel like one.

Yours faithfully,
SAVITRI CHOWDHARY,
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Basildon,
Essex.
April 6.

Countering Soviet policies in Africa

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, Dr Owen and President Carter compete with each other in the persistence with which they attempt to build a foreign policy upon illusions. The Foreign Secretary only yesterday, the President several times in recent speeches, have warned the Soviet Union that "détente" will be damaged if Moscow persists in its intervention, directly and by proxy, in African disputes. What neither of them explains is how something that exists only in their imaginations and on the lips of Mr Brezhnev can be damaged by any kind of behaviour.

"Détente" is a remarkably successful propaganda device whereby the Soviet Union has gained access to advanced western technology at bargain rates and on credit terms that amount to a Marshall Plan in reverse. Meanwhile, the Soviet drive for military supremacy goes on unhindered, and so does an expansionist policy in which all countries not yet under Soviet control constitute the Target Area.

A "détente" that does not extend to ideology is meaningless; and we have had repeated affirmations from Soviet leaders that there is no question of an ideological détente. On the contrary, "peaceful coexistence" (subsumed in "détente") means an intensification of the international class struggle—that is, for example, the arming and transporting of a powerful Cuban expeditionary force to Africa to further Soviet objectives: a massive airlift of Soviet weapons; the use of East German security experts; and not least, a large financial commitment to Joshua Nkomo's "guerrillas".

Not long ago Dr Owen was assuring the Soviet leaders, in Moscow, that there was no difference between their policy for Rhodesia and his. Now he warns them not to use the Cubans to undermine "the current talks to bring peace and democracy to Rhodesia and Namibia through negotiated and internationally acceptable settlements".

One must welcome the Foreign Secretary's belated public recognition that all is not as rosy as it so lately seemed to him. But he has not shed all his illusions yet. He does not seem to understand that "peace and democracy" as he defines them would amount to a bloodless Soviet victory achieved without the shedding of further Cuban blood. For any peace acceptable to Mr Nkomo and Mr Mugabe would amount to such a victory in that it would mean a massive exodus of whites from Rhodesia, the emergence of yet another black dictatorship and the availability of yet another Soviet power base.

In these circumstances, "peace" may not be the best immediate option for Rhodesia (leaving aside "Namibia"). The men of peace have concluded their internal agreement in Rhodesia. Why support the men of war?

Is Dr Owen blind to the glaring contradictions in his Mansion House speech? Can he not see that even if Mr Smith and the black Rhodesian leaders who are jointly taking the country towards majority rule were foolish enough to accept the Anglo-American proposals, it would bring, not "peace" but anarchy, with an ensuing struggle for power between Nkomo as Moscow's man and Mugabe as the real totalitarian?

A final point: Dr Owen appeals to the United Nations, as does President Carter through his unusual ambassador, Mr Andrew Young. But what help does he think this egregious body can possibly be, with its Soviet veto and its fortuitous majority of irresponsible or self-seeking tyrannies? Why cannot an American President and a British Foreign Secretary build a foreign policy on the real interests of their respective countries and of the Western Alliance?

Yours very truly,
BRIAN CROZIER,
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April 6.

Nuclear waste hazard

From Professor J. H. Fremlin

Sir, One of the most disturbing features of the nuclear power controversy is the failure of some of the parties concerned to do the arithmetic necessary to compare the nuclear hazard with other industrial hazards.

Professor Dumon (April 3) fears that there is no solution to the problem of waste. It is true that a block of glassified nuclear waste in its stainless steel case would initially be dangerous to approach.

If a 15-ton block, arising from the annual wastes of two big power stations, were placed in the house next door to you and 10 metres away and you refused to leave, you would get a lethal dose of radiation in 2-4 days. Ten metres underground, however, it would produce less radiation on the earth's surface than it would if ground up and spread over the nearer surface of the moon. After 700-800 years the gamma emitters will be negligible and *none* of the short range alpha radiation from the longer lived activities will penetrate the case so that one could sit on it indefinitely with impunity. The proposed burial at a few hundred metres down seems to me an adequate solution.

If a ship carrying unprocessed waste should sink, and if nobody salvaged the containers, some hundreds of millions of curies of caesium-137 might be liberated after a decade or so of corrosion. This sounds a lot but the ocean already contains a thousand times as many curies of naturally radioactive potassium which is taken up and used by the human body in the same way as is caesium.

The caesium-137 in the sea would be less important to us than the ton or so of uranium and its decay products which is distributed into the environment by every big *coal* fired power station every year.

Yours faithfully,
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Careers for women

From Mrs Anne Lapping

Sir, Mrs Wheeler-Bennett (April 6) is critical of the plans of the Social Science Research Council and the Equal Opportunities Commission to finance a programme of research into the underachievement of women. She claims her own 15 years of "practical study" have clearly identified its main causes.

Alas, her work, and that of her colleagues, does not seem to have led employees or educationalists to take the practical steps necessary to widen opportunities for women. As a result of our three year programme we hope to demonstrate convincingly, on the basis of empirical evidence, the specific changes needed in the organization of work and education to allow women to achieve their full potential. We shall also be engaged on another practical task—monitoring the effects of equal opportunities legislation—to make certain equality will come to signify more than a statutory hope.

Any proposal of sufficient academic rigour from researchers with experience of the problems will receive serious consideration from my panel.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE LAPPING,
Chairman of the Joint Panel on Equal Opportunities,
25 Lawn Road, NW3
April 7.

From Dr Nora Wooster

Sir, If women who engage in work could charge the cost of employing child minders and domestic help before being assessed for tax, many more would find jobs for themselves. But at present it is often financially unprofitable to exchange paid work for which one is singularly suited for unpaid domestic chores which many other people could carry out with satisfaction and possibly greater confidence.

The quarter of a million pounds could be far better spent increasing the availability of nursery schools for toddlers, for instance.

Yours faithfully,
NORA WOOSTER,
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Cambridge.
April 6.

Identity cards

From Mr R. H. Ransford

Sir, Mr W. M. Jones Powell (April 4) may, however regrettably, be right in saying that compulsory ID cards would be acceptable to most people. But I know I am far from alone in strongly objecting to the idea that a human being should be treated as a mere piece of machinery with so little individuality as to need a number plate that must be carried at all times—presumably even for sea bathing—and, unlike Mr Jones Powell's German friend, my wife, who is Italian, is 100 per cent *against* ID cards.

Apart from that, it is hard to see what "social problems" could be controlled, let alone solved, by the possession of yet another piece of paper bearing yet another number.

If Mr Jones Powell has the prevention of crime in mind, I wonder why it has proved so hard to control political terrorism in Germany, illegal immigration in France, kidnapping in Italy, or even the operations of a gang of thieves in a country as small as Belgium, where not only are ID cards and registration of address compulsory but vehicle drivers must also carry their driving licence and vehicle documents at all times.

The answer may well be that the possession of a seemingly valid ID card tends to be taken by the police as proof of respectability. So the independent or absentminded good citizen is chivvied for not carrying one, whereas the professional criminal with forged or stolen papers—a flourishing industry in those countries—goes largely undetected.

My view is borne out by the apparent success of our own police in protecting us from such crimes. How they achieve their results I do not know—nor do I want to—but it seems more effective and less harassing than reliance on the Continental system.

Yours sincerely,
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Fees of Open University

From Mr Paul Davies

Sir, Over the past few years those wishing to start Open University courses have faced a disincentive as fees have risen rapidly and local authorities have substantially withdrawn what little financial aid they previously provided. Although the Open University itself has acted responsibly over fees and their payments, a full credit will now cost approximately £140 per year, including books, summer and day school fees and course charges. I believe that this is a significant attack on the concept of an "open" educational establishment.

It is well known that public schools receive substantial tax reliefs for the privileged few they serve and other university students. It might be suggested, too, receive tax advantages through parental tax returns, though this is little and diminishing. I would like to suggest that Open University students should receive tax relief on the cost of their education: perhaps through the income tax system though that particular method would not help any students on the poverty line, not paying tax. Whatever method might be found, I believe that the case for tax relief is well founded and deserves serious consideration.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL DAVIES,
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April 3.

Control of the money supply

From Mr Bryan Gould, MP for Southampton, Test (Labour)

Sir, In your leading article of April 6, you rightly commend the intellectual distinction of the Report of the Bullion Committee in 1810, but, in pressing it into service in support of your plea for further restrictive monetary policies, you are guilty of selective quotation.

The Committee's Report in fact seriously undermines much of current monetarist thinking. The Committee was properly sceptical both of the practicability of deciding what is the appropriate amount of money in circulation (even assuming we could agree on the definition of money to be used) and of the significance of variations in the mere quantity of money when it is the demand for money, and its velocity of circulation, which is really important.

Thus, at page 24, the Committee says "the important charge of supplying the country with that quantity of circulating medium which is exactly proportioned to the wants and occasions of the public . . . is a trust which it is unreasonable to expect the directors of the Bank of England should ever be able to discharge . . . The most detailed knowledge of the actual trade of the country, combined with the profound science in all the principles of Money and the circulation, would not enable any man or set of men to adjust and keep always adjusted the right proportion of circulating medium in a country to the wants of trade".

And, at page 26, the Report states "the mere numerical return of the amount of Bank notes in circulation cannot be considered as at all deciding the question whether such paper is or is not excessive . . . The effective currency of the country depends upon the quickness of circulation".

It is tragic that 168 years later we have regressed to the point where, in slavish adherence to a measurement of doubtful validity and relevance, we are about to deny to an already depressed economy the cheap and plentiful money needed to accommodate expansion. The crime is compounded by the fact that one of the objects of this damagingly restrictive policy is to tie us to an exchange rate which makes it impossible for British industry to expand its production and its markets both at home and abroad.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN GOULD,
House of Commons.
April 6.

Tory education policy

From Mr Stephen Evans and Miss Jill Stern

Sir, Ronald Butt, in his recent articles (March 16 and 23) attempting to describe the Tory attitude to secondary education, has ironically succeeded in only spotlighting its lack of coherence.

The party still appears incapable of establishing a view on the role selection should play in the education process. "Continuous selection" is advocated. Mr St John-Stevas then argues that, "You can't go back to the selective system", while Dr Boyson adds that "school selection has to come back in the interests of the abler children in inner city areas". Elsewhere, Mr St John-Stevas has argued for a worthy partnership of comprehensives and grammar schools, but surely theoretically, and in practice, a comprehensive system is an alternative, not a parallel system of education. Even Dr Boyson in his book *Oversubscribed* points out that it is impossible to run a true comprehensive with what is left after coexisting grammar schools have creamed off the top ability range.

The question of parental choice rears its seductive head. It is clearly a vote catcher, yet will not disillusionment set in when parents realize that more flexible zoning (or even the voucher system) will lead to some parents extending their choice only at the expense of others? Selection, by definition, only limits parental choice.

As Tories interested in education, may we make a plea that:

(a) The party decides what sort of selection process there should be (if at all) and how it should operate within the secondary system.

(b) It reduces its emphasis on parental choice lest it should be hoisted by its own petard.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN EVANS,
JILL STERN,
Bow Group Education Committee,
The Bow Group,
240 High Holborn, WC1.
April 4.

The Blenheim papers

From Mr G. D. Ramsay

Sir, With reference to the letter of the Chairman of the British Library Board printed today (April 6), may one enquire on what principle the Blenheim papers are given priority for cataloguing and indexing? The Yelverton papers, for instance, as important for sixteenth as the Blenheim papers for eighteenth century history, have been in the queue for this treatment for nearly 30 years.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. RAMSAY,
15 Charlbury Road,
Oxford.

Nearly a Blue

From Mr David R. Johnston-Jones

Sir, When I taught at the Edinburgh Academy I had as colleague a fellow-linguist who was universally liked for his high scholarship, cordial disposition and absence of mind. He had actually achieved a blue at Oxford, for throwing the javelin, although his real non-academic interest was in wild flowers. He used to explain that on going up he had thought that games or athletics were compulsory and had won his blue before realizing his mistake.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID R. JOHNSTON-JONES,
Rector,
Morrison's Academy Boys' School,
Crieff,
Perthshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 7: The Prime Minister and Mrs Callaghan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and Mrs Waldheim, His Excellency the Ambassador of Turkey and Madame Menemencioglu, His Excellency the High Commissioner for Australia and Lady Freeth, Sir Arthur and Lady Armitage and Dr and Mrs Roy Strong have left the Castle.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception at Windsor Castle this evening for members of the London Celebrations Committee and The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal and Trust Office.

The Prince of Wales was present.

The Prince of Wales this morning took part in the British Broadcasting Corporation's *Nationwide* Programme the Interaction Community Project at 15 Wilkin Street, Kentish Town, NW5.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 7: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a concert at the Royal Festival Hall given in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund to mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Royal Air Force.

Mrs Patrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 7: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Miss Jane Egerton Warburton at the Memorial Service for Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver Leese at the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, today.

The Countess of Euston gave birth to a son on April 6.

The annual service of the Order of St Michael and St George will take place in St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, July 11, at 11.30 am, not on July 15 as stated yesterday.

Birthdays today

Mr W. A. Acton, 74; Sir Cyril Black, 76; Air Commandant Dame Alice Lowrey, 73; Mr G. R. G. Mure, 85; Sir John Reiss, 69; Mr Ian Smith, 59; Professor Maurice Stacey, 71; Sir Gordon Sutherland, 71; Miss Dorothy Tutin, 47.

TOMORROW: Lord Brooke of Cumnor, 75; Lord David Cecil, 76; the Most Rev Domenico Enrici, 69; Senator J. William Fulbright, 73; Rear-Admiral Sir Alexander Gordon Lennox, 67; Sir Robert Helpmann, 69; Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk, 59; Sir Michael Palliser, 56; Professor D. M. Walker, QC, 58.

Today's engagements

The Queen, as Duke of Lancaster, receives a cheque from the participants in the Red Rose Relay organized by the Lancashire committee for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal, 12.
Exhibitions: Keighley Model Railway Society, Victoria Hall, Keighley, West Yorkshire; traditional farm buildings, Gunnersbury Park Museum, Hammersmith, 2-6; flowers of the South-east, High Street Art Gallery, High Street, Ipswich.
Lectures: Woman artists, Tate Gallery, 3; dinosaurs, Natural History Museum, South Kensington, 11.
Concert: Chorus of 400 voices, Albert Hall, 7; Lakeland Sinfonia, Kendal Town Hall, 7.30.
Walk: Kensington, Queen Victoria's royal village, meet High Street Kensington station, 2.

Tomorrow

Prince of Wales, as president of the International Council of United World Colleges, attends performance of *Supernight* in aid of United World Colleges, London Palladium, 9.10.
Sunday afternoon tour of Alexandra Palace, meet outside palm court, 2.30.
Exhibitions: Spacecraft, the Apollo 10 capsule, a spacesuit and space food, Science Museum, South Kensington, 2.30-6; Keswick mountain rescue team, central car park, Keswick, 3.
Recital: Yehudi Menuhin, Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, 7.30.
Walks: Sir Christopher Wren's London, meet Tower Hill station, 11; Dickens's London, meet Embankment station, 2.

Anglicans and Roman Catholics moving steadily together

In one of C. S. Lewis's books for children, the evil queen and sorceress who has brought a permanent winter upon the whole land is confronted with signs of a thaw. "It is only temporary", she says. "No", says one of her attendants, "it is the sign of spring." In a rage, she turns him into stone. But he is right. The freeze is ending.

It seems to me that this is the light in which we should regard the recent series of conferences between representatives of the Roman Catholic and Anglican communions which have resulted in such remarkable statements setting out agreement (as well as disagreement) on the Eucharist, on the Ministry and on Authority. The actual agreed statements may not themselves be of lasting significance. They may betray weaknesses here and ambiguities there. But they have taken place. They have shown that careful and honest discussion in common can reveal a large amount of common ground held by both sides. And that being so, things can never be the same again.

It seems that not all intelligent Catholics nor all thinking Anglicans have yet appreciated this fact. Articles, statements and letters in papers (not least in this one) suggest that a surprising number of people on both sides believe that this agreement between the two traditions is wholly a matter of sentiment, of good will, of emotion, whether genuine or misdirected, that both sides, if they chose, could simply go back to their own positions: we have our Pope, you have your Bible; let us continue to fire at each other from behind these well-tried entrenchments.

But this is a delusion and more, a danger. "If one age", wrote that fine Anglican, Professor A. E. Taylor, "from the worthiest motives, persists in defending the indefensible, the next is likely to see a panic surrender of the indispensable". The rapprochement between Catholics and Anglicans (as between Catholics and other Protestants) is founded upon strong and deep bases in theological scholarship, composed of many by no means recent nor ephemeral ingredients. One could name the liturgical movement, the course of scholarly study of the New Testament and of the Christian writers of the first five centuries, and some contribution also from contemporary philosophy, even if we set aside (as we should not) the Second Vatican Council and the ecumenical movement. Many intellectual currents, to be resisted only by those who keep their faith and their intellect in water-tight compartments, combine to bring about a strong flood moving in the direction of mutual understanding between different Christian traditions.

Indeed the image of a flood is a good one, because theological thought today is essentially fluid. The old certainties have been eroded, the old slogans made obsolete. This is why when the old war-cries are raised by the stalwarts on both sides they sound faint and unreal in the ears of the theologian. Phrases like "the witness of Scripture", "The authority of the Church", "apostolic succession", "eucharistic sacrifice" have a markedly different sound from what they had a hundred years ago. The sharp edges of definition have become blunt: other problems, other divisions, other difficulties than the old ones now preoccupy theologians. Protestant and Catholic doctrines and interests overlap and intertwine. The Protestant has become aware of the unavoidable necessity of taking tradition seriously. The Catholic has awoken to the charm and compulsion of the Bible. Scholarship no longer divides along denominational lines, but has become an international fellowship of theologians seeking the truth together. No frantic piling of sandbags by pious conservatives can keep out this flood.

Two maxims must be borne in mind in such a situation. First: it is no use saying, "we are right and you are wrong", no matter how politely those words are said. We do not possess truth: truth possesses us. And we are much more likely to come close to the truth if we acknowledge that we are seeking it, and approximating to it; together with Christians of other traditions. If we believe that our tradition has preserved some particularly precious truth, then we should want to share it with people from other traditions and share that which they have preserved too. We should learn from the noble words of a pagan of the Late Roman Empire as he protested against the shrill triumphalism of the church of his day: "It is not by a single route that we can penetrate so great a mystery."

The second maxim is that we must learn to live with uncertainty and fluidity. This does not mean abandoning wholesale our dearest convictions. If they are convictions and are [illegible] we would be sinful if we abandoned them. But it means being prepared to see them in a different light and to envisage them as perhaps compatible with the convictions of other people. If we seriously believe in God, we can trust him to enable us to learn what others have to teach us without surrendering what we have taught them.

R. P. C. Hanson
[Uni]versity of Manchester

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. J. K. Bell and Miss C. R. Evans
The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. A. K. Bell, of Bretts, Cavendish, Suffolk, and Rachel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. W. R. Evans, of Ridley Hall, Terling, Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr P. S. Cooper and Miss D. S. Delmar-Morgan
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Cooper and Mrs Cooper, recently of Little Ridge, Old Bursledon, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Curtis Delmar-Morgan, of Eadens Wedge, East Meon, Hampshire.

Mr G. N. Craze and Miss F. A. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mrs G. W. Craze and the late Captain G. W. Craze, of Sway, Hampshire, and Felicity, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Harrison, of Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Mr M. J. Davies and Miss C. Walshe
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr J. W. Davies, OBE, and Mrs Davies, of Melbury Road, Kensington, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C. M. Walshe, of Leopardstown, co Dublin.

Mr M. S. Hays and Miss C. E. Whitworth
The engagement is announced between Mark Hays, of Ships Timbers, Braughing, Hertfordshire, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Whitworth, of Horseshoe Cottage, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr J. S. Kroll and Miss M. E. Soothill
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs A. Kroll, of Fulham Road, SW3, and Mary, daughter of Professor and Mrs J. F. Soothill, of Turner Close, NW11.

Mr P. D. Spencer Ellis and Miss J. M. Fox
The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of the Rev V. M. and Mrs Spencer Ellis, of Keswick, Cumbria, and Janet, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Fox, of Dodworth, Yorkshire.

Marriages

Mr P. M. G. B. Grimaldi and Miss S. D. G. Wilkinson
The marriage took place yesterday at St Margaret's, Westminster, between Mr Peter Grimaldi, only son of Mr and Mrs Philip Grimaldi, of Cedar Lodge, Puckpool, Ryde, Isle of Wight, and Miss Davinia Wilkinson, only daughter of the late Sir David Wilkinson and of Sylvia Lady Wilkinson, of Airlie Gardens, W8. The Right Rev Edward Roberts officiated, assisted by Canon J. A. Baker.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Sir Graham Wilkinson, wore a gown of antique Isle of Wight lace and a veil held in place by a coronet of tuber roses. She carried a Victorian posy. Antonia and Bernadette McCullough, Toby and Serena Brotherton and William and Lucy Mason attended her. Dr Michael Joy was best man.

A reception was held at Skinners' Hall (by permission of the Master and Wardens of the Skinners' Company) and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M. Cordery and Miss C. Saint-Germès
The marriage took place on April 5 in Buenos Aires between Mr M. Cordery and Miss Claudia Saint-Germès.

Mr F. D. Pitt and Miss C. M. Thomas
The marriage took place on April 1 in the chapel of Exeter University of Mr F. Daniel Pitt, third son of Dr and Mrs H. R. Pitt, of Reading, and Miss Caroline M. Thomas, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Kelsey Thomas, of Exeter. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Victoria Thomas and Mr Julian Pitt was best man. A reception was held at Reed Hall.

Luncheon

Commonwealth Secretary-General
Mr Shridath Ramphal, Commonwealth Secretary-General, held a luncheon in honour of Dr Kurt Waldheim, United Nations Secretary-General, at Marlborough House yesterday.

Dinners

Lieutenancy of Essex
The Lieutenancy of Essex dined yesterday evening in the Shire Hall, Chelmsford. The Vice-Lord Lieutenant, Major G. N. Capel-Cure, presided and the principle guest was HM Lord Lieutenant (Colonel Sir John Ruggles-Brise), who is retiring in August.

Association of Surgeons
The annual dinner of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland was held in the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield, on Thursday, with the president, Mr D. H. Randall, in the chair. The guest of honour was the Duke of Devonshire.

London Scottish Football Club
The centenary dinner of the London Scottish Football Club was held last night at the Mansion House. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, Brigadier F. H. Coutts, President of the Scottish Rugby Union, Dr J. A. Fraser, Captain, First XV, Mr W. A. Macpherson of Cluny, QC, who presided, and Sir Carl Aarvold.

Society of Chiropodists
The annual dinner of the Society of Chiropodists was held at the Albany Hotel, Birmingham, yesterday. Professor J. C. Brocklehurst, president, was in the chair.

Leeds University Old Students' Association
The annual dinner of Leeds University Old Students' Association in London was held last night at Finsbury Hall, City University. Mrs Rachel Shaw presided and the speakers were Professor Harold Miller and Mr Stanley Ellis.

Miranda Prize

The presentation of the Miranda Prize, offered annually by Dr Celso Rocha Miranda, of Brazil, for studies of Brazilian culture and language, took place at the Casa do Brasil on Wednesday, April 5, 1978.

The prizewinners are Mr Reginald Phipps and Mr William Wareing, who translated the play of Machado de Assis, *Botany Lesson*, into English.

The play was performed by the theatre group of the Casa do Brasil, the Lancaster Gate Players.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver Leese
Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton at a memorial service for Lieutenant-General Sir Oliver Leese held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev R. T. J. K. Wood officiated. Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer read the lesson and the Bishop of Shrewsbury gave an address. Lord and Lady Home of the Hirsel attended. Viscount Montgomery of Alamein and Major-General Sir Francis de Guingand were represented by Major J. R. Henderson. Among others present were:

Mrs F. Denby, Sir Alec Leese (brother), Mr and Mrs William Drake, Miss Juliet Drake, Mr Ben Drake, Mr and Mrs Simon Wills, Lieutenant-Colonel Anthony Drake, Mrs Harry Kirk, Mr Tim Kirk, Mr and Mrs Michael Rawlence, Lieutenant-Colonel Hilary Leese, WRAC, Mr and Mrs John Beard, the Hon Sir Con O'Neill, Mr Leese-Stayner, Miss Judy Lampson, Major and Mrs I. M. Calvocoressi, Dr R. M. Whelan, Mrs N. P. Whelan, Miss A. P. Whelan, Mr and Mrs J. Walsh, Mrs R. Walsh.

The Greek Ambassador, the American Ambassador and Mrs Brewster, Brigadier F. M. Khan (representing the Pakistan Ambassador), Brigadier-General Arnold Garlick (representing the Canadian High Commissioner), Signor G. M. Borga (representing the Italian Ambassador), Brigadier E. I. Bekker (representing the South African Ambassador), Brigadier G. J. Leary (representing the Australian High Commissioner), Colonel Henri Rey (representing the French Ambassador), Brigadier M. Mayadas (representing the Indian High Commissioner), Colonel the Earl of Cavan (representing Shropshire Yeomanry Comrades' Association), Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Viscount Slim, Viscount Head, Viscount Gage, Viscountess Allenby, Imogen Viscountess Hampden, the Lord Chamberlain, Lord and Lady Killearn, Lord Belper, Sir Christopher Soames, Lady Maureen Methuen, the Hon Luke Asquith, Major the Hon Bernard Bruce, the Hon Mrs Petre Crowder, the Hon Lady de Zulueta, Brigadier Sir Alexander Stainer (231 Brigade).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Julian and Lady Paget, Sir Bernard Waley-Cohen, Sir Richard Calthorpe (president, Warwickshire County Cricket Club), Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, General Sir Frank and Lady Simpson, General Sir John Gibbon, General Sir Victor and Lady FitzGeorge-Balfour, General Sir Charles Jones (Royal British Legion) and Lady Jones, Lieutenant-General Sir William Scotter, Air Marshal Sir Thomas Elmhirst, Major-General Sir Guy Salisbury-Jones, Major-General Sir George Burns (Colonel, Coldstream Guards), Major-General Sir Gerald Duke, Major-General Sir Maurice Dowse, Major-General Sir Rodney Moore, Colonel Sir Henry and Lady May Abel Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, Sir George and Lady Labouchere, Lady Templer, Sir John Hogg (Old Etonian Association and Eton Ramblers), General M. S. Hancock (Combined Cadet Force Association).

Major-General D. C. Butterworth (Royal British Legion Convalescent Home, Sevenoaks), Major-General D. Beckett (4th Indian Division) with Colonel and Mrs C. A. Noble; Major-General [illegible] Swinton (Commanding Household Division), Major General [illegible] M. Keakin (president, Grenadier Guards Association), Major-General [illegible] H. Gauhurn, Brigadier S. M. Kerrigadier and Mrs Maurice Lush, Brigadier H. M. J. McIntyre, Brigadier [illegible] M. Pontifex, Brigadier Henry G[illegible], Brigadier W. P. Scott (Chindits), Colonel A. W. Smith, Colonel [illegible], Colonel M. A. P. Mitchell (Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Coldstream Guards), Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. N. Armistead (The King's Shropshire Light Infantry), Lieutenant-Colonel E. A. [illegible] (Shropshire Horticultural Society), Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. C. [illegible] (Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards), Major [illegible] Collins (2nd Household Cavalry Regiment), Major David [illegible], Mr and Mrs I. Weston [illegible], Major Tony Phillipson (London [illegible] Scots Guards Association), Major C. [illegible] Scott, Major and Mrs [illegible] A. Burn, Major Oliver Lindsay (representing Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding, Grenadier Guards), Major [illegible], Major C. A. [illegible], Mr Robert Peat (representing the president, Securicor), Mr [illegible] Fordham, Miss Dorothy Meynell, [illegible] and Mrs Heywood-Lonsdale, Mr [illegible] (director, Festival Hall), [illegible] Sandra [illegible], Mrs Denis Daly, [illegible] James R[illegible]-Burton, Mr David [illegible] (president, MCC) with Mr J. A. [illegible] (secretary).

Mr F. G. [illegible], Mr W. H. Webster, [illegible] G. O. [illegible] and Mr S. E. A. [illegible], Major [illegible] Jradkowski, General B. [illegible], Prince and Princess Lubomirski, [illegible] J. G. Hamersley (Royal British Legion, World branch) and Mrs [illegible], Mr and Mrs D. J. Tsure, Mr [illegible] E. Rowan Bentall (Royal British Legion, Kingston upon Thames branch), Colonel Z. Nadratowski, Mr R. Crosby Cook (South-east [illegible] vice-president, Royal British Legion) and Mrs Crosby Cook, General [illegible], Major W. Sawicki and [illegible] MD, Rail-Kiz.

Sovereign's Parade

The salute at the Sovereign's Parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst yesterday was taken by General Sir Frank King, Commander Northern Army Group and Commander-in-Chief British Army of the Rhine, representing the Queen.

The sword of honour was awarded to Junior Under-officer A. L. Nevill, who attended Welbeck College. He is one of 103 cadets who will return to Sandhurst on May 2 for the regular career course. A total of 215 cadets passed out.

The following qualified for short-service commissions and will join the corps and regiments shown:

A. R. Acheson, RCT; J. W. R. Atwood, RCT, High Pavement GS; H. F. Anderson LI, Haileybury; A. J. Askham, RGJ, Haileybury; W. R. C. Athill, 14/20H, Gresham's S; S. C. Bailey, RPC, Beechwood HS, S Africa; M. J. Betteridge, RRW, Aylesbury GS; A. W. Bird, Coldm Gds, Oratory S; J. Bird, RGJ, Marlborough; T. C. Boles, RHG/D, Eton; J. M. Bourne, RA, Brighton and Hove GS; R. C. F. Bradley, RCT, Colston's S; T. S. Brand, RE; J. J. C. Buckmall, Coldm Gds, Winchester; M. P. A. Bullen, Scots DG, Stonyhurst; N. P. Canning, RCT, Chipping Norton S; P. N. Carter, RGJ, Winchester C; R. J. Clayton, QLR, Clitheroe Royal GS; S. P. Cleshan, 2GR; P. D. Crawford, R Irish, Wellington; R. J. Dale-Thomas, RHG/D, Eton; N. J. R. Davies, RGJ, Haileybury; N. R. Dawson, Para, Gordonstoun; G. J. Denby, RTR, Haileybury; A. T. Donnelly, General List; M. Fane, RCT, St Paul's S, Argentina; J. P. W. Farrer, Coldm Gds, Eton; A. W. Field, WFR, Q Elizabeth's GS, Hartlebury; S. A. Fordham, R Irish, Leeds GS; W. D. S. Forsyth, RA, Bradford GS; F. L. Galliano, QRIH, Prior Park C, Bath; R. D. N. Gardner, RGJ, Bradfield C; J. R. J. Glanville, IOGR, Peterhouse, Rhodesia; C. R. N. Graham, LG, Wellington.

P. D. Halford, LI, Wellington; J. D. Handford, Para, St George's C, Weybridge; I. C. Harris, RAOC, R Masonic S, Bushey; C. J. Harvey, RCT, Fe[illegible]; S. P. Hayden, RE, Falcon C, Rhodesia; M. W. Herriott, ACC; C. J. Hemingway, ACC, Heversham GS; J. L. Hewitt, LG, Millfield; C. H. T. Hobart, RTR, Charterhouse; G. H. Howard, RHG/D, Winchester; G. M. James, QRIH, Pangbourne C; M. A. Jordan, RCT, Sir Roger Manwood's GS; P. F. L. Koch de Gooreynd, Gren Gds, Aiglon C, Switzerland; J. G. H. Lawson-Tancred, Scots DG, Trinity C, Glenalmond; D. M. Leigh, Para, Park Lane C of Ed; N. F. Marchant, ACC, Oxford Poly; R. T. B. Maxwell, BW; J. N. W. McHardy, QO Hrs, Gordonstoun; R. H. Miller, SG, Harrow; W. L. Mills, RA, Pangbourne C; H. G. Morgan-Grenville, Coldm Gds, Eton C; A. R. Murdoch, R Irish; N. M. Murray, 14H, Eton; M. S. Perkin, King's O Border, Merole Hall GS, Cheshire; A. [illegible] Phillips, Scots DG, Taunton; H. K. Pieram, QRIH, Bradfield C; K. Ponting, REME, Windsor Boys S; BC M. C. Pool, R. Hampshires; P. V. Roshor, RCT, Halifax; [illegible] M. I. F. Russell, RCT, WY S, Wellingborough; A. Schumach, King's Own Border, Wigan Tec; J. Sheldon, Coldm Gds, Tonbridge; M. T. O. Stanley, 17/21L, Har; The Hon J. N. Stopford, IG, Eton; W. C. Sumner, Queen's, Mill; J. R. Thompson, QRIH, Can; P. F. G. Underhill, D and D, A[illegible]; H. J. O. Weeks, 13/18H, La[illegible], Upper S; K. K. Young, S[illegible].

The following overseas cadets also passed out with a view to being commissioned in the armed forces of their countries:

G. [illegible] Afghanistan: B. N. Hamid, J. R[illegible] H. J. A. W. Adnan, Brunei: Fremsena, Ghana: P. C. Jones, [illegible]: M. Sudad, M. S. Ibrahim, [illegible]: L. L. Foster, L. Sir Campbell, [illegible]: M. H. S. Qarzallah, Jordan: K. Menye, F. N. Kimanzi, Kenya: S. Biwa, Malawi: N. Baharuddin, D. Damian, K. Zulkifle, M. Fad, Malaysia: Y. J. Braimah, A. J. [illegible], J. B. Samuel, A. L. Apreziz, [illegible]: S. S. R. Al Jabry, H. K. Al Busaid, Oman: G. Al Ghanem, [illegible]: D. Al-R. Train, N. A. A. [illegible], Saudi Arabia: A. S. Kargbo, K. L. S. Conteh, Sierra Leone: K. Voraka, [illegible] S. T. Quek, Singapore: A. S. M. Mulawa, Thailand: A. S. I. Said, United Arab Emirates: H. A. I. Al Mualla, Umm Al Qawain: Y. Mongara.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor D. A. Pond, aged 58, professor of psychiatry at the London Hospital, to be President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, in succession to Professor W. Linford Rees.

Dr G. H. Tovey, director of the South-West Regional Transfusion Centre, Southmead, to be honorary consultant in blood transfusion to the Army, in succession to Dr W. d'A. Maycock, who has retired.

Dr N. Peacock, senior lecturer in fibre science at Strathclyde University, to be chairman of the Association of University Teachers (Scotland), in succession to Professor W. H. C. Frend; Mr A. J. McTernan, senior lecturer in computer science at Heriot-Watt University, to be vice-chairman.

£350,000 for museum

The appeal [illegible] raise £2m for the Battle of Britain Museum has so far raised [illegible] than £350,000. The museum [h]opes to open in November at [a] site at Hendon, north London [m]ade available by the Government. Donations may be sent to: [Ba]ttle of Britain Museum Appeal Office, GKN House, 22 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6LG.

Science report

ECT: Value in treating depression

The use of electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) in the treatment of depression has been criticized widely in recent months on the ground that there is no clear proof that it is effective. A research trial reported in *The Lancet* should go some way towards providing the necessary evidence that it is.

Forty patients at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital with depression suitable for ECT treatment were divided into two groups. Both groups were given ECT twice weekly, the number of treatments being decided by the psychiatrist on the basis of the individual patient's response. It was thought unethical to withhold ECT completely from any of the patients but in one group the first two treatments were simulated; the patient was wired up in the usual way but no current was passed. Neither the patients nor the psychiatrists concerned were aware whether simulated treatment had been given.

The results showed that genuine ECT was consistently more effective than the simulated version. Those patients given genuine ECT required between three and nine treatments; those given some simulated treatments required between four and 12. Tests of the patients' symptoms showed that those given simulated ECT in the first week lagged behind the rest in their recovery, though the final outcome was satisfactory in 36 of the 40 patients.

The report contradicts claims made by opponents of ECT that it works only because it is dramatic and frightening or that it results in the patient's getting more nursing attention. Instead, the conclusion to be drawn is that ECT is intrinsically an effective treatment and that the essential feature seems to be the seizure induced by passing the electric current through the brain.

By Our Medical Correspondent.
Source: *The Lancet* (April 8, p. 738).

Services tomorrow: Second Sunday after Easter

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC 8, M, 10.30, Canon Peter Elliot, TD, Ben and Jub; HC, 11.30 (Darke in F), Int; Evensong 3.15, Canon Evan Pilkington, Mag and ND (Sumsion in G), A.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Moeran in E flat), My soul there is a country (Parry) and E, 3.30; Canon Trevor Beeson; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Ireland in C, Evensong 3, Westminster Service (Howells), My beloved spake (Hadley), Rev M. P. Thomas; Organ recital 6.45.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Eucharist 11 (Aston in F), A, Most glorious Lord of life (Harris), Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron; Evensong 3.30 (Wills in D), A, With a voice of singing (Shaw), the Provost.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL AT ST JAMES'S: HC, 8.30; M, 11.15, A, Most glorious Lord (Gibbs), Prebendary D. W. Cleverley Ford.

THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Stanford in B flat), Canon Edwyn Young, A, Sing ye to the Lord (Bairstow).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: HC, 8 and noon; M, 11, Rev J. S. Westmuckett.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL (public welcomed): 11.15, Canon E. A. James, A, How lovely are thy dwellings (Brahms).

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL, public invited (entry via Lincoln's Inn Fields gateway): M, 11.30, Canon R. Tydman, A, God liveth still (Bach).

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, TD Collegium Regale (Howells), A, Laudate pueri (Palestrina), Rev P. Llewellyn.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, TD (Dyson in F), Jub (Wesley in F), A, Tinita jam sunt praelia (Ley), The Master.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11, A, I do believe (Croft); Rev E. W. Evans; 2.30, Vimy Ridge Service for Canadian Army veterans, Rev J. Penny.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church; public welcomed): HC, 8.30 and 12.15, M, 11, Resident Chaplain, TD (Weelkes, short), Easter (Armstrong Gibbs); 3.30, Ven J. H. Wilson, Royal Air Force Association Commemoration and Thanksgiving Service (Stanford in C), Greater love hath no man (Ireland).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): M, 11, TD (Vaughan Williams in G), A, The strife is o'er (Ley); E, 3.30, Mag and ND (Vaughan Williams in C), A, Blessed be the God and Father (Wesley).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev G. de Mello.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15; HM, 11, Rev J. Shand (Schubert in C); E and B, 6, The Vicar (Noble in A minor).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC 8.15 Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev J. B. Gaskell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Canon R. [illegible].

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8 and 12.15; HC (choral), 9 and M, 11, the Vicar; E, 6.30, Rev S. Millar.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM 8 and [illegible]; HM 11, Messe [illegible], Ave verum (Faure), Rev [illegible] D. P. Band.

ST BARTHOLOMEW - THE - GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): HC 9 and 12.20; M 11 (Tallis 5pt), the Rector, A, Sacerdotes Domini (Byrd); E 6.30 (Byrd, third), A, When the Lord turned (Batten), Dr Gurney Smith.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC 8.30; Choral M and Eucharist 11, Prebendary Dewi Morgan, Jub (Boyce in C); Choral E 6.30, Mag and ND (Weelkes, short).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC 8.15; Sung Eucharist 11, Rev J. R. Gaskell (Sumsion in F), Mot, Haec Dies (Rombaut).

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC 8.15; Eucharist 9.15 and E 6, Rev J. L. W. Robinson; Sung Eucharist 11, Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Rev W. P. Baddeley.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: M 11, TD (Stanford in C), A, How beauteous are Their feet (Stanford); HC 12.15.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, Rev C. Walker; M 11.15, Mr N. Ingram-Smith; E 6.30, the Vicar.

ST MARY ABBOTS: Kensington, HC 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist 9.30 and E 6.30, Rev I. L. Robson, Brother James Air; M 11.15, Rev A. F. Davis, He shall feed his flock (Handel).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC 8 and 11, Prebendary F. Coventry (Dovark in D), Exultate Justi in Domino (Viadana); E 6.30.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC 8.15 and 12.15; M 11, Rev A. G. C. Pearson; 6, Mr W. R. Webster.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist 11 (Darke in A minor), Canon Keith de Berry.

ST PAUL'S, Bedford Street, Covent Garden: HC 10.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam Street: M 11 and 6.30, Bishop Goodwin-Hudson.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Chelsea: HC, 8; MP 11; E 6.30, Rev O. R. Clarke.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road: LM 8 and 9; HM 11, Missa a tre (Rubbra), Rev D. Priest; E and B 6, Rev K. Hobbs.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane: SM, 11, Canon French-Beytagh, Messe Basse (Fauré), Mot, Remember now thy creator (Bennett).

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland), Pont Street, SW: 11, Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey, 6.30, ordination of the Rev W. A. Cairns.

CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland), Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15, Rev J. Miller Scott; 6.30, Rev T. Preston.

THE ORATORY, SW: SM, 11, Missa da Battaglia (Cererola); V and B, 3.30, Mot, Cantata Domino (Hassler).

ASSUMPTION, Warwick St, W1: SM, 11 (Latin), Missa Brevis (Berkeley).

ST PATRICK'S, Soho Square: SV, 6 pm, Messa Giubilare (Caudana), Regina caeli (Philips).

ESSEX UNITARIAN CHURCH: 11 am, welcomes both theists and humanists, 112 Palace Gardens Terrace, Kensington.

THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: Mass, 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (sung Latin), 4.15 and 6.15; Noon, Father Norman Tanner, "Where do I meet Christ?"

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11 and 6.30, Rev R. O. Latham.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Rev C. R. Wolsey Gilbert.

KINGSWAY HALL, WC (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30, [illegible].

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct, EC1: 11 and 6.30, [illegible].

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, [illegible]: 11 and 6.30, [illegible].

25 years ago

From The Times of Wednesday, April 8, 1953

Progress in Korea

From Our Own Correspondent
Tokyo, April 7.—Substantial progress was made at today's meeting of the United Nations and Communist liaison groups at Panmunjom. When the meeting was adjourned until 11 am local time tomorrow it seemed as if an agreement on a prompt exchange of sick and wounded prisoners of war was at hand, subject to one important reservation by each of the two negotiating sides, and to concurrence on several minor administrative points. The United Nations spokesman, Rear-Admiral Daniel, later told correspondents that the Communist attitude was very favourable, but he added "I don't believe their staff work is ready to make the exchange yet". Apart from the two points of principle, other matters outstanding were the exact time when the exchange of prisoners would begin, how many a day would be dealt with, and how the exchange would be handled at Panmunjom.

Latest wills

Residue for charities

Sarah Maud Newton Brown, of Blackpool, left £69,430 net. After a personal legacy of £100 she left the residue equally between the Cancer Research Campaign, St Dunstan's, British Red Cross Society, Lancashire branch, and Dr Barnardo's.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid; tax not disclosed):

Agnew, Lady, of Alverstoke, Hampshire £236,574
Grove, Edna Mary Hunter, of Rugeley £147,255
Ireland, Mr James Lindsey, of Stanton Harcourt, Oxfordshire £131,449
Knight, Mrs Elsie Violet Mary, of Bovingdon, Hertfordshire £280,295
Small, Mrs Kathleen Ermyntrude, of Seaton £184,851
Sutton, Mrs Doris Evelyn, of Hythe £123,534
Turner, Mrs Marjorie, of Colchester £105,011
Wallace, Mr Alexander, of Hitchin, director £299,166

£500 Premium Bond prizewinners

The £500 winners in the April Premium Bond draw are:

AT 599212	5 FL 945890	1 LN 908548	1 QK 507247	2 TT 117467	10 WW [illegible]	4 ZT 1332[illegible]
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1 AZ 818019	5 FT 848671	2 LL 934746	2 QS [illegible]	3 TP [illegible]	11 WB [illegible]	6 ZR [illegible]
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OBITUARY

MR MARTIN SECKER

Historic impact on publishing

Martin Secker, the book-loving publisher who attracted writers of fame and distinction from the second decade of this century onwards, died on Thursday, his ninety-sixth birthday.

Martin Secker was born on April 6, 1882, and during his boyhood was attracted by writers who were developing the new aesthetic trends in the English literature of the eighteen-nineties. The work of this period remained his favourite study and source of recreation. Not a writer himself, but a devoted bookman, he naturally turned to publishing for his life-work. In 1908 he worked for the firm of Eveleigh Nash and by 1910 he had enough capital to found a small business of his own, with an office in John Street, Adelphi.

His first two authors were Compton Mackenzie and Arthur Ransome, the former contributing his first novel *The Passionate Elopement* and the latter a critical study of Edgar Allen Poe. Sir Compton, as he was to become, followed this up with the immensely successful *Carnival* and *Sinister Street* and the critical study of Poe was the first of a number of similar books to which the emerging critical talent of the time was eager to contribute. With a small office and tiny staff Martin Secker was very soon established as a publisher of importance and one whose imprint was sought by the young writers both of fiction and of what was then called *belles lettres*.

He owed much to the initiative of Sir Compton Mackenzie, who was ready to help to finance the advertising of his novels, for which purpose he chose the tube-lifts in certain selected stations where the travellers were *likely* to be readers. The rates charged were then low and, fixed at the right level, the announcements were sufficiently conspicuous and unusual to attract attention and pay their way. It was a novelty and set people talking.

Another important move was typographical. Secker could get good printing counsel through his friendship with the Meynell family and, in any case, he had fine taste of his own. With the firm of Ballantyne he produced a distinctive format and a Secker book could be relied upon for good looks as as good writing.

Within a few years he [built] "a list" to remarkable qu[ality]. Among his on-coming nov[elists] were not only Compton [Mac]kenzie but Hugh Walpole, [Gil]bert Cannan, Francis [Brett] Young, Oliver Onions, Ivy[, later] Madame Litvinov, [Viola] Meynell, Frank Swinnerto[n], Frederick Niven. D. H. [Law]rence came in later, in [...] Among the contributors [of] critical studies were La[scelles] Abercrombie and E[dward] Thomas as well as some [...] novelists already ment[ioned]. Arnold Bennett's *These [Twain]*... *States* was also a Secker [...]

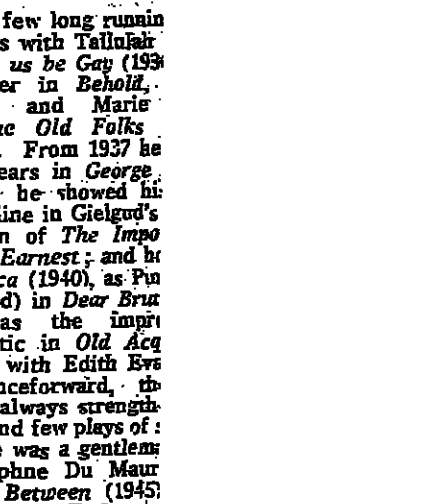
It was an astonishing ac[hieve]ment to build up a posit[ion of] this kind within four ye[ars of] his start. The 1914-18 W[ar in]terrupted the progress. If [after] the war, Secker had be[en an] ambitious organizer an[d had] sought a substantial capit[al with] which to expand his sta[ff to] meet the demands o[f his] increasingly successful [...] and of their agents, he [might] have been the head of [a pub]lishing firm of great size [and] as high estimation.

But Secker was not t[he man] for large expansion. H[e did] what he liked doing an[d what] he could do quietly an[d well]. He had some new succe[sses in] the nineteen-twenties, bu[t] Lawrence, his principal [author] had not yet the huge pu[blic] he was to obtain posthu[mously]. Difficulties began to acc[umulate] and in 1935 the firm wa[s recon]structed as Secker [and] Warburg. Two years [later] Secker broke away and [took] charge of the Richard[s Press] and also founder of the [...] Press which he subsequ[ently, at] the age of 79, linked [with] Phoenix House, a subsi[diary of] J. M. Dent.

He had done the [...] thing he enjoyed as [a book-]loving publisher, surv[iving to] a time when the whole [...] book-choosing and boo[k...] was being absorbed i[n] amalgamations. He d[isliked] frequent clubs or seek c[...] but remained a man to his own". Blindnes[s] allowed to cloud his l[...] he read in Braille, an[d] being read to by fa[mily and] friends.

Martin Secker w[as] married and had one [...]

MR RONALD WARD



Mr Ronald Ward, the actor, died in a London hospital on March 31, aged 76.

Combining technique with a good deal of personal charm, he was especially prominent in the West End during the 1930s and 1940s. He could hit off a persuasive character at once. Several parts give a clue to his stage personality: Roger (who must marry into that alarming family) in *George and Margaret*; Algernon in *The Importance of Being Earnest*; and Barrie's philandering Purdie, one of whose speeches gives the key to *Dear Brutus*.

Well grounded in the theatre since youth, he appeared with some of the most distinguished players of his time. His talent was by no means restricted. Indeed, during 1950 he succeeded as Pinero's most testing *raisonneur*, Cayley Drummle.

Born in April 1901, he formerly worked in a City insurance broker's office. When 15 he was in a musical comedy at the Islington Empire; during 1918 he toured at the juvenile in *The Man From Toronto*, later travelling round Australia and New Zealand in the same part, among others, and returning home in 1920 for a spell of understudying and touring work.

His earliest West End plays came in 1922, and at the Savoy (1923) he was Claud in Noël Coward's youthful comedy, *The Young Idea*.

For five years he was out of England, first in a New York revue (1924), then as various juveniles in the ample repertory (including much Barrie) that Dion Boucicault and Irene Vanbrugh took to Australia. Back in London from the winter of 1929, he developed his reputation through a sequence of parts, few long running. [...] he was with Tallulah [Bankhead] in *Let us be Gay* (193[...]) [...] Maurier in *Behold*, [...] (1932) and Marie [Tempest] in *The Old Folks* [...] (1933). From 1937 he [spent] two years in *George [and Mar]garet*; he showed hi[s] discipline in Gielgud's [pro]duction of *The Impo[rtance of] being Earnest*; and he [was in] *Rebecca* (1940), as Pu[rdie (with] Gielgud) in *Dear Bru[tus]* and as the impr[...] romantic in *Old Acq[uaintance]* (1942) with Edith Eva[ns].

Thenceforward, th[...] could always strength[en ...] he found few plays of [...] But he was a gentlem[an ...] in Daphne Du Maur[ier's] *Years Between* (1945) [...] last West End pe[rformance] (Haymarket 1950) wa[s] in *The Second Mrs T[anqueray]*. He appeared too in s[...] as *The Rainbow Ja[ck]* [...] *Aunt Clara*.

Ronald Ward was [mar]ried, secondly to the[...] Betty Baskcomb, who [...] him.

PROF PATRICK MEREDITH

Professor George Patrick Meredith died at his home in Leeds on April 2, at the age of 73.

Pat Meredith was known internationally for his work on dyslexia and psychological aspects of communication. The diversity of his interests and formal qualifications in mathematics, physics, education and psychology, together with his expertise in classical and European languages, gave him a polymathic approach to the intellectual problems of logic, number and epistemology. The association between the University of Leeds and Meredith began when he was an undergraduate and culminated in his appointment to the first chair of psychology in 1949. In 1967 Meredith became the first Research Professor of Psychophysics and in 1969 he was appointed as Professor Emeritus.

Meredith's involvement with logic, words and symbols led him to formulate the science of epistemics and to establish the Epistemic Communication Research Unit in the Department of Psychology at Leeds. His formulations of the basic modes of research into problems of communication and word blindness were full of insight and established him as a source of reference for government bodies and researchers planning remedial and diagnostic programmes for children with reading and symbol-handling difficulties. Research, into the s[...] the night, was a[...] addiction for Pat [...] among the products [...] nocturnal deliberation [...] *Instruments of Comm[unication]* a magnum opus whic[h] a long time stimulate[d ...] deas concerned with lo[gic] and the sema[ntics and] pragmatics of human [communi]cation.

[D]r Meredith is su[rvived by] his wife, Gill, and son[...]

[C]OMMAND[ER] [J]ACK HULB[ERT]

Sir [Nic]olas Cheetham [writes]:

As a raw wartim[e] constable in C Divisi[on of the] Metropolitan Police [I had the] luck to be trained [by] Hulbert, Sergeant J[...] was later to become [Comman]dant of "Specials." [...] effective method was [...] parts of stock charac[ters] to be encountered [by the] amateur policeman [in the] course of his duties [...] the drunk, the spiv, th[e ...] boy, the taxi-dri[ver, the] American soldier in [search of] a steak dinner. This [was as] good as a play."

I shall also never [forget the] cheers with which [he was] greeted by the early [...] crowds in Oxford Str[eet ...] marched a special [...] to Marble Arch to line [...] ments on the occasi[on of the] postwar victory parad[e].

Nicholas Nabokov, the Russian-born composer and writer, died of a heart attack in New York on Thursday, aged 75.

Charlotte [...]edge G[...] American actress [...] played on Broadway and also appeared in [...] died at the age of 75.

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Trading losses of £9.4m on bread forced Spillers to face the 'moment of truth'

By Ray Maughan

Spillers' trading losses in the bread-baking division rose from around £3m to £9.4m in the year ended January 28.

This has caused a halved overall pre-tax profit of about £8m by the company, which has substantial interests in petfoods and animal feeds, and a sharp cut in the dividends payment.

Withdrawal from bread production is seen in the City as a vital, if much delayed, decision. Certainly, the chairman added later that in terms of the "very serious increase in on-going costs and net cash outflow" Spillers finally faced "the moment of truth".

The group has already received £15.5m for the sale of the 13 bakeries purchased by Ranks Hovis McDougall and Associated British Foods, but it must bear £16m costs, particularly redandancy payments, on the closure of the remaining 23 British bakeries.

Assets may be reduced from the previous balance-sheet total of 70m net to as little as £50m. The ultimate write-down has not been calculated and its extent depends on the incidence of tax relief.

But at the same time, debt has risen as a result of inflation and the near £10m Modern Maid acquisition in the United States, so the earlier gearing ratio of 72 per cent is likely to have been raised significantly.

Debentures totalling £15m are secured on the baking assets but the trustee, Guardian Royal Exchange, has given its consent to the withdrawal.

To improve its reserves and conserve cash resources, Spillers is to pay shareholders only a net final dividend of 0.525p against 1.94025p per share, which cuts the gross total distribution from 4.235p to 2.04546p per share.

It seems probable that the board will consider substantial disposals of the low return activities to reduce gearing and operating costs, and the forthcoming accounts are likely to show that both the meat and animal feeds divisions have been through a bad year, although the performance of the latter, is said to be "looking much better".

Clearly the milling division, the main leg of the business, will not be for sale. Its recent contribution is thought to have been a £11m pre-tax profit.

About a third of its output went to Spillers' bakeries but the group intends to fill this potential gap by supplying flour for bread-baking to RHM for a minimum of 10 years and ABF for five years.

As a result of the withdrawal, the group now feels itself to be "much better placed for future growth".

Outside analysts tentatively forecast a £20m pre-tax profit target on a two-year view but, in the meantime, the shares dropped 4½p yesterday to 28p, where the market capitalization is £41.2m. At this level the reduced dividend yields 7.3 per cent against the sector average of 5.7 per cent.

The withdrawal was discussed with both the Government, its agencies and the Bank of England.

The latter's involvement through its industrial advisory unit is thought to relate to the Bank's watching brief on the baking industry which stems from its cash flow survey in key sectors during the three-day week and its consequent contribution to the Department of Trade working party examining the baking industry's problems.

Consultations on closures involved Bank, OFT and Monopolies panel

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Associated with Spillers in its bread-making operations has been the Cooperative Wholesale Society, which holds about 44 per cent of the joint company J. W. French (Milling and Baking) Holdings. The Coop pulled out of national bread making some years ago and transferred its staff and assets to Spillers-French in an effort to fight jointly RHM and ABF.

Besides taking over 13 Spillers-French bakeries, the remaining big combines hope to create about 2,000 extra jobs to handle the transferred trade.

RHM, which takes on 3,000 Spillers workers after paying £10m for its six bakeries, said: "Further increases in the price of bread will undoubtedly be needed if inflation continues and if raw material costs go on rising."

Mr James Prior, Opposition spokesman for employment, said the Government had failed to heed the many warnings of the last four years, with statutory price control on bread and other forms of intervention. A high price was now to be paid by the thousands who would lose their jobs. It was a "further blow to an already



Mr Michael Vernon

"There was no alternative if Spillers was to continue as a sound group for the benefit of the remaining 16,000 employees"

disastrous unemployment position".

Bakeries stopping production are at High Wycombe, Dagenham, Wood Green, Bristol, Plymouth, Crawley, Maidstone, Gorleston, Grimsby, Cwmbran, Cardiff, Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Blackpool, Stoke-on-Trent, Hull, Leeds, Birtley, Middlesbrough, Glasgow, Dumfries, and Stevenston.

One question concerns the role of the Bank of England to which Spillers appears to have gone for advice rather than the Government's National Enterprise Board.

It would appear that continued bread production threatened Spillers as a whole, and certainly the inevitability of mass closures was a factor in secret consultations involving the Monopolies and Mergers Panel, led by the Office of Fair Trading, which advised Mr Hattersley on whether to sanction a major concentration of market share on just two remaining companies.

Just what part the Ministry of Agriculture played is another question. There was no official statement from that quarter, though other departments were defending their ministers and unofficially attacking the company for its treatment of the unions and their members.

RHM foresees less pressure on prices

By Hugh Clayton

Pressure for bread price rises will be eased by the absence of Spillers, the larger RHM group said yesterday. "The improved balance between capacity and demand will mean that future price increases will be at a lower level than they would otherwise have been."

Spillers quoted the 1977 report of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission which attributed low profits in bread-baking "largely to the effects of statutory price control and other forms of official intervention".

Bread prices are controlled more tightly than those of any other food. Maximum retail prices of most loaves are fixed by ministers and any sale at above those levels is a criminal offence. The amount by which grocers must cut prices according to the discounts they agree with bakers is also fixed by law.

There are four other external reasons for Spillers' decision. Bread consumption continues to fall steadily. The rise in consumption of the dearer brown loaves has increased sales in small baking shops.

Bakers have also suffered from EEC farm policy. In the past year it has raised punitive levies against milling wheat from north America.

The fourth reason behind the Spillers decision is the High Street war among grocers.

Bakers have allowed themselves to be played off against each other by grocers who insisted on selling white bread at low prices. It was stated in *The Times* last November that: "On costs and volume growth the baking companies have little room for manoeuvre. Indeed they have nowhere to turn except towards each other's throats."

Union blames bakery discounts by supermarkets

By Christopher Thomas

Mr Sam Maddox, general secretary of the Bakers, Food and Allied Workers, was in no doubt last night that big bakery discounts in the supermarkets were mainly to blame for the situation at Spillers. "I think the two companies left will retalize the folloy of the discount situation", he declared.

"If they will take a bit of advice from me they will say 'good-bye' to the present system. "I think the only real discounts in the future will be loss leaders offered by the supermarkets themselves."

Unions had virtually no warning that Spillers would axe so many jobs. Their legal departments will study closely whether the announcement complied with the "advance notice" provision of the Employment Protection Act.

The Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, which has a small interest in the company, described the decision as a scandal. Mr Roger Ward, national organizer, claimed: "They are selling off to make a profit because their factories are worth a considerable amount in cash value.

"I understand the company is blaming the Government for not allowing price rises in the bakery industry. Nonsense." He said the decision was taken without consultation with the unions.

He went on to describe the announcement as industrial sabotage, one of the worst examples of industrial relations in Britain to date.

Unions and MPs will want to know whether the dismissals comply with the Employment Protection Act provision that 90 days' notice of large numbers of redundancies should be gi

Linfood offers £34m in bid for Wheatsheaf

By Bryan Appleyard

An important new force in British food distribution is to be created through a £34m takeover bid from Linfood Holdings for Wheatsheaf Distribution & Trading.

The combined group would be among the top three in the industry with Tesco and Sainsbury, and bring together large portions of the Spar and VG independent grocery chains as well as 280 other retail stores, 90 cash-and-carry trade outlets four hypermarkets and 27 warehouses.

Combined annual sales will be about £800m, representing 8 per cent of the £10,000m food market.

The move is in response to the 4 per cent shrinkage in the volume of the food market last year which prompted cut-throat price competition between the major supermarket groups.

This directly threatened both the hypermarkets of Wheatsheaf and the smaller customers of both groups. The aim now is to use the increased influence of the larger company to allow the smaller grocer to compete with the supermarkets.

Mr David Lionell, managing director of Linfood, said the High Street war was now as much about square footage as prices, and the larger group would benefit on both fronts.

He pointed out that Tesco and Sainsbury had jointly picked up more than 5 per cent of the market last year and were threatening to draw too much away from smaller shops as well as competitors.

He described the merger as the beginning of a two-pronged attack on the market via the wholesale and retail sides.

Mr Aylett Moore, chairman of Wheatsheaf, said the new group would profit from both the occasional shopping visit to the hypermarkets and the intervening trips to the local shops. —effectively straddling the marketing position of the major supermarket groups.

One suggestion yesterday was that the new group might consider opening its 90 cash-and-carry outlets to sell direct to the public.

Both groups are now preparing trading results for the latest full year and both say profits will be down on last year, despite the fact that at the interim stage Linfood's were up 19 per cent at £2.9m. Wheatsheaf's interim profits fell from £2.4m to £1.5m.

Terms of the agreed Linfood bid are: three Linfood ordinary shares, plus £1.80 cash, plus £2.40 nominal 12 per cent convertible loan stock 1990 for every four Wheatsheaf shares.

Linfood shares fell 8p to 135p yesterday and Wheatsheaf rose 25p to 192p, so the offer is worth 206p per Wheatsheaf share and £34.2m for the whole of Wheatsheaf.

The financial structure of the offer, with its large cash and loan stock elements, is due to the heavy asset weighting Wheatsheaf will bring to the group after the revaluation which is now in progress.

It will offset the balance sheet effects of taking on large assets with relatively low earnings. There are about 3,500 shareholders in Wheatsheaf.

Wheatsheaf was formerly a subsidiary of Ranks Hovis McDougall which holds all the "A" restricted voting shares representing 9 per cent of the total equity.

Linfood was formed by the merger of Associated Food Holdings and Thomas Linnell in 1975. Just over 19 per cent of its equity is held by the Guinness Peat Group.

Leyland workers reject incentive bonus scheme by majority of 2-1

Workers at Leyland Cars have rejected by two-to-one a productivity deal which could have brought them up to £8 a week in bonuses.

The big vote against the management's new incentive plan means that hourly-paid workers in Leyland factories throughout Britain have accepted the advice of their shop stewards.

Results of a week-long ballot, published yesterday, showed 21,759 for the deal, and 46,106 against. Of 97,000 men eligible to vote 67,940 did so.

A spokesman for Leyland Cars in Coventry said the scheme, put forward by management in response to union claims for incentive payments, was designed to be self-financing.

"Today's rejection, however, will not affect the company's 1978 business plan, or the long-term plans for achieving higher productivity", he added.

Talks with unions on productivity matives would continue.

An added ca in the ballot was a mana ent offer to triple the fir month's bonus if new out levels were achieved.

The reject is seen in the industry as a setback in early steps to inc e the company's productivity wards that of European petitors.

It was t third of a four- regaining reform package be put to the workers.

In rec months Leyland workers ve accepted the principle a common bargaining dat which, with government ap al, could come into operatio later this year.

They ve also accepted a new sity-of-earnings agreement w gives better lay-off pay.

But ther stumbling block in the total package is parity, still in the negotiating stage, and which could not operate before 1979.

The unquestioned need for a big improvement in productivity was highlighted last week with a joint management-union study document that showed Leyland Cars productivity in some cases only 45-65 per cent of that of European manufacturers like Renault, Volkswagen and Simca.

This week's National Enterprise Board report on Leyland, which backed up the NEB's recommendation to the Government to give the company £850m up to 1981, also showed that average output per man last year was only 5.4 vehicles, less than in 1976.

The 1978 plan calls for that figure to rise to 6.4 cars per worker, and in later years to over eight.

Real income up 5pc in last 1977 quarter

By Caroline Atkinson

Real incomes in Britain rose sharply in the last three months of last year through tax cuts and rebates, higher wage increases, increased social security and pensions and a slowdown in the rate of inflation.

The 5 per cent rise in real incomes—measured after tax and allowing for inflation—followed a one per cent boost in the third quarter of last year. It is the biggest quarterly rise for nearly six years.

However, much of th increase in personal income went into savings during th fourth quarter. The savin ratio, which measures the p portion people save out of th post-tax income, leapt from 1 per cent in the July-Septem quarter to 16.1 per cent in following three months. is a reversal of the trend du the first nine months.

Yesterday's figures publ d by the Central Statistical Ce confirm the Government expectation of an improvem in living standards. Recent fres suggest that a recove in spring is now under way.

Despite the rapid increase in personal incomes at the end of 1 during the year as a we they dropped by 1½ per from their level in 1976.

improvement in living dards which has now begun expected to continue this ar. It will be helped by the ther tax cuts expected in the udget next week.

Income tax payments fell 6 per cent between the third and fourth quarters last year.

Wages and salaries rose 3.7 per cent in the three months ending in December. In the second half of the year earnings were 9 per cent above a year earlier. This is not an accurate guide to the likely outturn over the phase three year to end-July as many workers have delayed pay settlements.

Increases in social security benefits and pensions rates last autumn led to an 8 per cent rise in government grants to individuals between the third and fourth quarters.

Profits from North Sea oil operations significantly improved the overall profits performance last year, but their impact lessened during the year. After excluding stock appreciation there was a rise of 38 per cent in total company profits between 1976 and 1977, but this falls to 25 per cent when North Sea oil and gas are excluded.

PERSONAL INCOME, EXPENDITURE AND SAVINGS
(Seasonally adjusted)

	Total personal income (1)	Savings as a percentage of personal disposable income	Personal disposable income revalued at 1970 prices (2)
1976	86,288	14.9	41,609
1977	97,348	14.5	41,088
1976 Q1	20,762	15.8	10,458
Q2	20,980	14.7	10,300
Q3	22,052	15.4	10,498
Q4	22,494	13.8	10,353
1977 Q1	23,418	15.1	10,312
Q2	23,596	13.9	10,035
Q3	24,440	12.8	10,126
Q4	25,894	16.1	10,615

(1) Equals total personal income before tax less taxes on income, national insurance, etc., contributions and transfers abroad.
(2) Personal disposable income revalued by the implied consumers' expenditure deflator (1970=100).

BOC wins control of Airco in $288m deal

By Christopher Wilkins

BOC International has reached agreement for a take-over of Airco, the American industrial gases group, at a cost of $288m (about £155m).

The deal will bring to an end a long and bitter period of negotiation during which claims and counter-claims have been made in the American courts. It involves BOC in paying $50 a share for the outstanding equity of Airco.

At a meeting yesterday Airco's board voted in favour of the revised offer from BOC rather than an alternative, also at $50 a share, from Martin Marietta, an American aluminium and aerospace group.

Martin Marietta said last night it considered BOC's offer to be a fair one and had no intention of entering a bidding contest.

BOC's new offer compares with a price of $43 a share, which it paid for a 15 per cent stake in Airco earlier this year. This purchase lifted BOC's holding from 34 to 49 per cent, and as a result of the high level of acceptances for its partial offer BOC had hoped to make a full offer for the rest of Airco at the same price.

Airco's board bitterly opposed such a bid. It subsequently decided to challenge the validity of BOC's share purchase in the courts and actively looked for an alternative bidder, which it eventually found in the shape of Martin Marietta.

BOC, meanwhile, further raised its stake in Airco to 54 per cent through share purchases in the stock market. It will now pay $50 a share for the remaining 46 per cent of Airco, equivalent to a total cost of $275m.

It will also pay an extra $7 a share to those shareholders who earlier agreed to accept $43 a share—at a cost of $13m.

The deal will have given BOC control of Airco, the third largest producer of industrial gases in the United States with about 17 per cent of the market.

Financing will come from a $400m medium-term loan facility concluded late last year by BOC with a group of eight British and American banks.

Warning to 10 employees on productivity

By Edward Townsend

Employees of Imperial Chemical Industries in the United Kingdom have been urged to achieve a higher rate of productivity growth because output figures in Europe and the United States are much as 74 per cent better.

Mr Bob Haslam, ICI's personnel director and member of the main boa disclosed that in terms of sa value per employee, ICI sold £23,000 compared with between £30,000 and £35,000 for workers at the company's European competitors. American compan were selling £35,000-£45 per employee.

He told a regi meeting of the ICI month staff central business and estment committee that competitors were improving at average 6 per cent per year.

To close the gap, employees at ICI—Britas largest industrial group—d to aim at a 10 per cent annual improvement in productivity. This did not represent a radical change from the pa but efforts could not be rela.

At the ting, reported in the staff newspaper, Mr Haslam said the mpany's workforce was reduc by 3,700 last year. Recruitme had totalled 5,800, offset by natural wastage of 6,300 and voluntary wastage of 3,200.

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Lonrho going direct to shareholders in Suits

By Richard Allen

Lonrho decided last night to press ahead with its controversial bid for Scottish Universal Investments despite the opposition of the majority of the Suits board.

Shareholders in Suits, the conglomerate once headed by Sir Hugh Fraser, are to be offered identical terms to those rejected by the board on Thursday. Lonrho is to offer 11 of its own shares for every six Suits.

No cash alternative is to be offered and with Lonrho's shares dropping 2p to 69p yesterday the "paper" value is now 126½p a share. Suits shares climbed 6p to 113p yesterday after coming back from suspension.

City regulatory authorities are known to be considering certain aspects of the bid.

Meanwhile, a crucial factor will be the reaction of the family trust controlled by Sir Hugh and his mother, Lady Fraser, and which still holds just under 10 per cent of the Suits' equity. Lonrho already holds more than 29 per cent and support of Sir Hugh's family interests would leave the group needing to obtain acceptances from only a further 11 per cent to gain control.

It was unclear last night, which way the Trust will vote.

Lonrho bought 24 per cent of its holding from Sir Hugh and the family trust last March, which brought Mr R. W. "Tiny" Rowland, Lonrho's chief, to the chair of Suits. Lonrho paid over £9m for the holding in a 95p-a-share cash deal.

Lloyd's suspends broker for finance inquiry

Armour Hick Parker, a small firm of insurance brokers, has been suspended from placing new business or renewing existing business in the Lloyd's market.

A spokesman for Lloyd's said yesterday that the decision had been taken "pending investigations into possible financial difficulties".

Directors at the firm's Mincing Lane office close to Lloyd's refused to comment last night. Armour is one of the smallest of the 270 accredited Lloyd's brokers and specializes in placing livestock business.

Under Lloyd's policy, clients of the firm will be fully protected with regard to business handled in the market, whatever the outcome of the investigation.

17pc dividend rises last year breached limit

Dividend payments last year increased 17 per cent above their 1976 level despite the official 10 per cent ceiling on the dividend increases generally allowed.

The discrepancy was not unexpected as the Government has allowed a number of exemptions to the rule in the course of the year.

In fact the actual increase in dividend payments on ordinary shares has consistently exceeded official limits because of special exemptions.

These have often been related to new stock issues, with more generous dividends allowed when companies have issued new stock.

There was, however, little change in payments between the third and fourth quarters of 1977. These totalled £600m in the final three months of the year.

Britain repays £40m debt

Britain paid back 700m SDRs (£870m, or about £461m) to the International Monetary Fund yesterday as part of the Government's previously announced early repayment of official overseas debt.

The money will come out of the official reserves of foreign currency which stood at $20,320m at the end of March.

It was in to Britain in May, 1976, the first credit tranche from the IMF.

The Government's decision to repay this year—well ahead of schedule—was announced at the end of January. It also intends to repay a further 120m SDRs to the IMF this year. This will be paid out of the reserves in the normal course of transactions with the IMF.

How the markets moved

The Times index : 198.96 −1.08
The FT index : 467.1 −4.3

Rises

Drake & Scull	2p to 27p	mers	6p to 104p
Helical Bar	7p to 32p	ed. A.	5p to 88p
Hickson Welch	6p to 173p	ot Univ Inv	6p to 113p
Mettoy	3p to 44p	ricoville	3p to 36p
Paterson, R.	3p to 35p	W'sheaf Dist	25p to 192p

Falls

BAT Ind	5p to 300p	Sotheby	6p to 249p
Decca	5p to 415p	Spillers	4½p to 28p
GEC	6p to 247p	Taylor Woodrow	7p to 366p
Imp Chem Ind	5p to 338p	Thorn	6p to 352p
Linfood	8p to 135p	Tiger Oats	10p to 340p
Lonrho	2p to 69p	Ventierspost	7p to 184p
Mackinnon (Sct)	2p to 43p	Vlakfontein	4p to 41p
Mills & Allen	7p to 168p	W Rand Cons	12p to 109p
Plessey	2p to 101p	Welkom	8p to 268p

Equities fell back.

Gilt-edged securities were subdd.

Dollar premium : 103.5 per nt (effective rate 46.36 per cen.

Sterling gained 5 points to $1.45. The effective exchange rate dex was at 62.2.

Gold lost $0.75 to $179.375 an ounce.

SDR-$ was 1.23567 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.661863.

Commodities : Reuter's index was at 1431.0 (previous 1429.20).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.69	1.63
Austria Sch	28.50	26.50
Belgium Fr	61.75	58.25
Canada $	2.19	2.12
Denmark Kr	10.84	10.34
Finland Mkk	8.07	7.72
France Fr	8.82	8.42
Germany DM	3.95	3.73
Greece Dr	69.50	65.50
Hongkong $	9.00	8.55
Italy Lr	1650.00	1565.00
Japan Yn	435.00	410.00
Netherlands Gld	4.21	3.98
Norway Kr	10.35	9.90
Portugal Esc	78.50	73.50
S Africa Rd	2.00	1.86
Spain Pes	153.25	146.25
Sweden Kr	8.88	8.48
Switzerland Fr	3.67	3.45
US $	1.92	1.86
Yugoslavia Dnr	36.75	34.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Grouse

Mr Denis Healey, the Chancellor, has no doubt been bombarded with advice about what should be in Tuesday's Budget. But the appeal from many quarters for the abolition of the investment income surcharge for people of retirement age, if not for everybody, has an irrefutable justice about it.

Figures supplied by the Inland Revenue make it clear that the surchage is a tax on the savings of the elderly. Some £150m of the estimated £310m raised during the 1977-78 tax year comes from people aged 65 or over.

The figure of £150m excludes those retiring earlier and the tax paid by divorced women receiving maintenance for themselves and their children and if these categories are included well over half this obnoxious levy falls on people least able to afford it.

The investment income surcharge places an extra fiscal burden on returns from savings which have themselves been put aside out of earned income that has already borne tax.

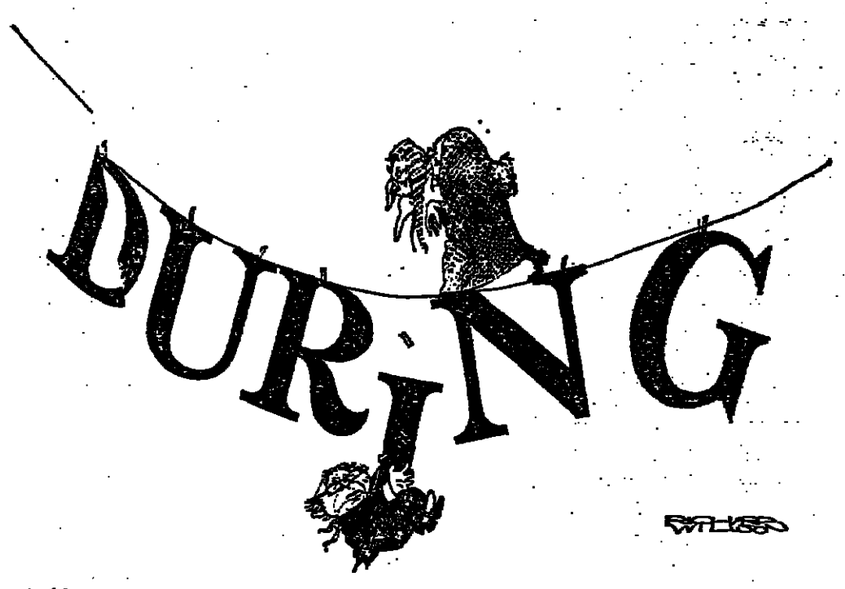
As was pointed out in the House of Commons this week, a man who has been lucky enough to contribute to a formal pension scheme does not have this pension treated as investment income—and he has secured tax relief on what he has put away over the years. Someone who has simply saved out of earned and fully taxed income can find himself "clobbered" at the end of his days.

True, there are higher thresholds for the retired and those receiving maintenance, but the £3,000 level allowed for these cases under the rules can hardly be said to be generous.

If the Government must make a political point, why cannot it distinguish between investment income coming from hard earned savings and that coming from inherited wealth?

Taxation

When it dl hangs on a word



A few weeks ago I wrote about one of two cases on retirement relief (capital gains tax) which came to the High Court last year. The second case concerns a gift of shares.

Under section 34 of the Finance Act 1965 a person who sells or gives away shares or securities in a family company can claim exemption from capital gains tax (up to the limits previously dicussed) providing he or she has been a full-time working director for 10 years and the company is a trading company.

Incidentally—and this has no bearing on the case but it may be useful to know—relief will be given if only part of the 10 years qualifies, providing that the full period is made up by having previously owned the business as a sole trader or partner. This covers the position where individuals, having traded on their own for a while, form a limited company.

The shares need not all be disposed of in the same tax year. Where there is more than one disposal, relief will be given in the order in which disposals take place up to the maximum relief that can be claimed. Moreover—although called retirement relief—it is not necessary for a person to retire from all business activity.

My apologies for boring readers with technical language but it is necessary to look at the precise wording of the legislation as just one little word in section 34(1) was the crux of the Davenport v Hasslacher case.

The relevant extract (and I have put the offending word in italics) is: "If an individual who has attained the age of 60 years—

(a) disposes by way of sale or gift of the whole or part of a business which he has owned throughout the period of 10 years ending with the disposal, or

(b) disposes by way of sale or gift of shares or securities of a company which has been a trading company and his family company *during* the period of 10 years ending with the disposal, and of which he has been a full time working director throughout that period.

Then relief shall be given under this section in respect of gains accruing to him on the disposal. . . ."

Take note that the company must be a "family company" and this means a company in which not less than

(i) 25 per cent of the voting rights are held by the individual claiming relief or

(ii) 10 per cent by the claimant and 75 per cent by his or her family including the claimant's shareholding. ("Family" means the individual's spouse and the brother, sister, ancestor or lineal descendant of the individual or spouse.)

In this particular case (ii) did not apply and the taxpayer's claim depended on whether he had held the required *minimum* shareholding of 25 *per cent* during the period of 10 years ending with the disposal.

The facts of the case were that on March 21, 1974, Hasslacher made a gift to his sons of 35,000 shares (reducing his shareholding to nil) in the family's trading company. He was over 65 years of age and had been a full-time working director for more than 10 years.

For the years before disposal he held the following percentages of the company's issued share capital: October, 1961, to April, 1965, 37.5 per cent; April, 1965, to April, 1966, 25 per cent; and April, 1966, to March 21, 1974, varying percentages, but always less than 25 per cent. It can be seen that the taxpayer held the required minimum of 25 per cent for part of the 10-year period ending with the disposal, but not for the whole period.

The tax office assessed Mr Hasslacher on the gain without allowing any retirement relief, on the grounds that "*during* the period of 10 years ending with the disposal" means "*throughout* the period of 10 years . . ." and not "*in the course of* the period of 10 years . . .". When the case went before the General Commissioners they found in favour of the taxpayer. So the Crown took the issue to the High Court.

Mr Justice Slade presided and in analysing the semantics of the case said: "I readily accept that, according to the ordinary use of language, the word 'during', when used as a preposition governing a stated period of time, is well capable of bearing the meaning 'in the course of' in a proper context. Indeed, in many instances the context will show clearly that it bears that sense, because the activity or condition referred to by the relevant verb by its very nature cannot have continued throughout the whole of the designated period.

For example, if someone were to tell me that during the afternoon X jumped into the lake he would manifestly be using the word 'during' in the sense of 'in the course of'. In my judgment, however, according to the ordinary use of English the word 'during' tends to point more naturally to the meaning 'throughout the whole continuance of' than the meaning 'in the course of' in any context where, having regard to the verb to which it is linked, it is capable of bearing the former sense.

"For example, if someone were to tell me that during the period 1880 to 1890 Rudolph was King of Ruritania, I would regard such statement as meaning *prima facie* that Rudolph reigned throughout the period 1880 to 1890 unless there were additional factors in the particular context which showed that the informant merely meant that Rudolph's reign fell within that period."

There followed a great deal more argument in similar vein but to no avail for the taxpayer, the judge's verdict being:

"In the result, I conclude that the word 'during' in section 34(1)(b) of the 1965 Act bears the meaning of 'throughout the whole continuance of'. I must accordingly reverse the Commissioners' decision."

So Mr Hasslacher lost his case and had to pay costs.

Vera Di Palma

Pensions

So complex—this new state scheme

It is not only the widow's pension under occupational pension schemes which may be influenced by the new State scheme which has just started: schemes which wish to contract out will have to match—broadly—the terms of the earnings-related section of the state scheme.

The better occupational schemes offer more favourable benefits and conditions than those of the state, but where schemes are required to introduce new benefits—like widow's pensions—or improve their terms in some way (benefits on leaving service are the most important in this respect) they may well restrict the changes to the minimum permitted. Pension scheme members may then find their benefits matching more closely those of the state scheme than in the past.

The new state structure is very complicated; it also suffers from some serious defects. For both these reasons, it is to be hoped that employers resist the temptation to model their own schemes on it. There is some evidence that this hope may be realized.

The biggest difficulty is the two-tier structure of the scheme and the arrangements for changing the figures in line with changes in money values. This means that any figures quoted—for the range of earnings to qualify for instance—will be subject to alteration.

The simplest way to look at the new scheme is as a continuation of the present flat-rate pension, with an earnings-related element added. It is this earnings-related element which presents the complications as far as the employee's own pension is concerned; there are others in relation to dependants. The feature which most obscures the working of the scheme is the "revaluation" of earnings for the purpose of calculating the pension.

In principle, the amount of pension is dependent on the average amount of earnings over the working life-time after the new scheme starts—not, as in most occupational pension schemes, on earnings at or shortly before retirement. In the state scheme, however, earnings in each year are adjusted for the purpose of calculating the pension so as to retain the same relationship to national average earnings as when they were received.

This means that if an employee's earnings are equal to the national average throughout the period his pension will be based on national average earnings shortly before he starts to draw his pension.

The amounts, expressed in money terms, will probably be different every year and it is this which makes it difficult to understand exactly what you are likely to get.

If someone tells you that if you earn £120 a week your pension will be £25.62 a week (plus the flat rate pension of £17.50) that means something; but it will not mean much at all to be told that, if your earnings are one and a half times the national average, your pension (excluding the flat rate part) will be about one third of the national average earnings at the time you start to draw it.

The figures of £120 and £25.62 are the upper limit for earnings to count, and the pension which would ultimately be earned at this level if money values do not change. They are about one and a half times and one third of national average earnings last year.

Another difficulty is the feature by which the pension is based on the best 20 years' earnings (after the appropriate adjustment) for anyone today who has over 20 years left to state pensionable age.

In itself, this is easy enough to understand. Pensions are based on average earnings throughout the working life-time after April 1978, the earnings used for calculating the average first being adjusted by the revaluation I have described above. When the calculation is made, if there are more than 20 years' earnings recorded, only those 20 which yield the largest revalued average are taken into account.

What successfully befogs an otherwide clear pattern is the run-in period, also of 20 years, before the new scheme becomes fully effective. For people reaching pensionable age during this period, the amount of pension is one eightieth of the revalued average for each year after April, 1978.

Thus on retirement after 20 years the pension is twenty eightieths, or 25 per cent, which is the full benefit scale. This rate will apply to anyone reaching pensionable age after 1998, irrespective of the number of contributions paid, subject to qualifying rules about payment of or credit for national insurance contributions, similar to those applying to the present scheme.

In conjunction with the "best 20 years" rule, this is regarded by some as giving a pension based on 20 years (at the rate of 1/80th for each year) and nothing for any additional years. This is not so, because it is only by virtue of payment of (or credit for) contributions throughout more or less the whole working lifetime that a contributor builds up a full entitlement.

Eric Brunel

Unit trusts

Who said small is beautiful?

Small is not beautiful in the unit trust industry at present, particularly in view of the Department of Trade's recent decision to turn down the application for increased annual charges.

Since this refusal—a shock to the Unit Trust Association—there has been much sabre-rattling among the fund management groups about putting up their minimum investment levels.

Some are only thinking about it and some have effectively done it—and it looks as if the very small saver—someone with, say, under £500 to invest—may find his choice of funds and management groups greatly restricted over the next few years.

In the past few years some unit trust managements have already been increasing the minimum investment level over which they have total control. Target went from £100 to £300 four years ago, Save & Prosper raised theirs from £50 to £250 a couple of years ago.

Moves of this order, however, were intended to bring older-established funds into line with inflation. Groups like Hill Samuel still, rather quaintly, have funds where the minimum investment is still only £25.

There is certainly a case for some across-the-board increase in minimum levels. After all, inflation would justify funds established with a £250 or £300 minimum ten years ago raising their initial entry to nearer £1,000. But it is not adjustment for general inflation that threatens to precipitate the next round of increases. It is the fact that small accounts in many cases are becoming loss-makers.

The performance of the stock market has not kept pace with inflation, nor with the rising costs of servicing small unit-holders. The basis of the industry's case to the Department of Trade was that the maximum three-eighths annual fee charged on the value of funds was simply insufficient to cover present-day costs, let alone provide any profit.

The average unit-holding account in the industry is now a shade over £1,000, according to the Unit Trust Association, and this figure is far too close for comfort to the break-even level of £800 to £1,000 per account for most management groups.

These figures, like those shown in the table, exclude the institutional element, which in the main represents holdings attached to unit-linked policies. Although the Unit Trust Association has no firm figures for the industry as a whole, there is fairly conclusive evidence that well over half the United Kingdom's unit-holders have individual holdings of under £1,000.

Barclays Unicorn says that 80 per cent of its accounts are under the £1,000 level. The group's Mr Ken Storey says that unless the Department of Trade reconsiders its decision his group will be looking very seriously at the case for increasing the present £25

Mr Brian Banks, m director of Britanni already told his truste the official minimum shortly doubled to £500 says that if the annual are not increased it will a matter of time bef unit-holders cannot be modated at under a £1

Mr Banks thinks tha nia is probably losing n individual accounts o £800. He estimates average overhead per is about £3 a year. The three-eighths annual fe that £800 is the break-e for his group.

Mr Freddy Lawso heads the £16m Lawso ties group in Edinbu said that accounts o £1,000 are not longer able in the face of th of the Department of allow an increase in His minimum has alre increased.

Raising the entry l be the only measure of tection open to the fu gers, but all it does i them to avoid taking profitable new busines not relieve the real pr small existing account table shows, most gro sent experience is tha vestment is running at and presumably profit of bargain.

This is partly due to and partly to the mana emphasis the mana putting on attract interest of the more s private investor who squeezed out of dire investment by high broking charges.

Piccadilly, one of t groups, has an exc high average accoun which reflects its concentration on pr advisers and the larg money they are now

The newer groups, porting the Unit Tr ciation's representat higher annual charge concerned about the level of investment they are deriving pr the sale of new un rain's Mr Peter Pott that he is still maki on the investor with hundred pounds to one of his funds.

Some companies until now been cont their more mature arms as loss lead diversifying into mor insurance and other areas, but the g groups like Save who may be in this now wearing thin.

However, given th incidence of small accounts among established members dustry, putting up entry levels will be gesture than a practi to the problem.

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UNIT TRUST HOLDINGS

Group	Average unit-holding	Present minimum	Average recent bargain
	£	£	£
Allied Hambro	850	200 units	1,500
Barclay Unicorn	1,000	250	n/a
Britannia	800	250	1,500
Chieftain	1,200	250	1,200
Hill Samuel	2,000	25	2,000
Lawson	800	600	1,200
Piccadilly	3,000	100	3,000
Save & Prosper	900	250	865
Target	1,000	300	n/a

n/a—not available

Round-up

Giro expands its services • Crown Life funds

National Giro is beginning its major effort to woo to its ranks more personal account customers—there are some 580,000 at present. It is widely known that Giro has been conspicuously more successful in attracting corporate business, which has helped it to be one of the few state operations to reach profitability on target.

However, "the people's bank", as some were wont to describe it, has just announced a new range of personal customer facilities, including deposit accounts, budget accounts and bridging loans.

On top of this there is free banking for all those who have their salary, or at least £150 a month, credited to their account. There is, of course, the usual proviso that the account must not stray into the red.

Giro deposit accounts will pay 4 per cent (compared with the 3 per cent on clearing bank deposits), plus a bonus of ½ per cent on the minimum balance held in the account in each six-month period. The budget account is designed to smooth out the payment of bills. Charges for the budget account are £3 a half year and, when the account is overdrawn, the interest will be at the Giro base rate, at present 6½ per cent, plus 4 per cent.

Crown Life, one of the giant Canadian life offices which specializes in the direct selling of life assurance, has ventured into the linked life insurance field with a comprehensive range of bond fund products.

There are the obvious and essential funds concentrating on equities, property, fixed interest, cash (which Crown Life calls money), international and managed funds, but Crown has more bolts to fire. It is innovating with two other funds, the Distribution fund and the Investment Trust fund.

The Distribution fund is basically a fund with a withdrawal plan—up to 5 per cent of the original investment is withdrawable, temporarily tax free—which aims at providing a yield from investments which will provide policyholders with a net annual income of 5 per cent without touching the initial capital.

An alternative income facility offered to bond-holders is that they buy income units in the group's various bond funds. This unique feature means that net income is distributed twice a year to bond-holders, leaving intact the number of units allocated.

The Investment Trust fund is another first for Crown Life and is perhaps a surprising development. Investment trust companies are not renowned for their performance record, but over the long term there may be case for saying that they could provide a good, lock-up investment.

For regular premium policyholders the annual minimum premium is £250. For single premium bond-holders the minimum investment is £500, except in the case of the Distribution fund where the minimum premium is £5,000.

Whoever thought that managed funds were designed to look after the needs of the modest investor is sadly adrift, as the latest offering from Barclays Unicorn International shows: bearer bonds and Swiss Shareholders accounts surely belong more to the realm of spy fiction than family finance pages?

Barclays, it transpires, has in mind the international investor for its Unibond Trust, which is denominated in American dollars with the shares in bearer form. Also, the investor can have the convenience of a Swiss Shareholders account.

The fund's main investment will be in high quality dollar Eurobonds, issued by governments and blue chip multinational and international companies. The estimated opening yield is 8 per cent, distributed free of any tax.

Small companies funds are all the vogue at present. The Piccadilly Small Companies Fund, for instance, outperformed all others during the past 12 months, and the select band of similar based funds have all turned in a good performance over the past couple of years.

Arbuthnot Securities is this week launching its own vehicle—Arbuthnot Smaller Companies Fund. The minimum initial investment is £500.

Arbuthnot claims to be no stranger to this investment area—its existing two high income funds have concentrated on smaller companies.

In the early seventies building society-instance linked contracts flourished—for the very good reason that the combination of income tax relief on life assurance premiums and the tax-paid build-up in a building society investment led to a very attractive gross equivalent return for the taxpayer. This was particularly true where the bonds were surrendered in the early years, when returns of 23 and 24 per cent were not common.

New legislation requiring the clawback of some of the life assurance tax relief, if any qualifying policy was surrendered within the first four years, reduced their attractions and most societies have allowed their schemes either to lapse or to lie fallow.

But Bristol and West, which pioneered this kind of scheme in 1969, still believes that they have their place in the small saver's repertoire and it quotes the gross equivalent yield of 10.45 per cent for 10-year contract (the yields will be as high as 15.30 in year four or 13.76 in year five). Its revamped scheme, underwritten by the Equitable Life, has a minimum monthly investment of £3.

Unit-holders are rarely accorded extra privileges but they may be interested to know that Henderson-Kenton, the retail furnishing group, is offering them a 10 per cent discount (it started at the beginning of this month). The only snag is that your unit trust must hold at least 20,000 Henderson-Kenton ordinary shares—and holdings from various funds cannot be pooled.

Scottish and Continental Investment Company has finally decided that unitization is the answer to the fund's problem. It was announced in February that the board was looking at a range of options, including liquidization, to bring shareholders' funds more in line with assets values.

At present 64 per cent of the fund's assets are in Europe, 21 per cent in North America and 13.5 per cent in Japan.

National Savings for Children is a useful pamphlet from the Department of National Savings, which lists all the available products available under this umbrella and pinpoints the circumstances for which they are most suitable.

Investor's week

Markets subdued bef... the Budget

The last full week's trading before the Budget saw the London stock market in a subdued mood.

With shorter term investors not inclined to close their "bull" positions before the Chancellor's intentions are known sellers were scarce, enabling share prices to hold their own and in most cases move into slightly higher ground.

By the same token, however, this strong "bull" position in many sectors could prove a barrier to further progress unless Mr Healey comes up with something unexpected next week. As the market sees it, the problem with this year's Budget is that its contents have been so widely predicted in recent months that whatever measures are taken will be an anti-climax.

Nevertheless, if the package is judged to have struck the fine balance of stimulating the economy without fuelling a fresh wave of inflation, investors can expect to see share prices move sharply ahead, if only for a limited period.

On a narrower front, overnight selling for tax losses—the so-called "bed and breakfast deals"—reached a crescendo in mid-week as the old financial year ran out. Such only make a margina general market perfu they undoubtedly d more pronounced ad week which saw the rise 3.3 to 467.1.

Bowater, GKN, Schweppes and Taylo were typical of the company reporting a long list of ments helped mark keep on their toes. T speculative activity tured with the L Lonrho move for St ing most interest. T opposed by the Suits

In the gilt-edge money supply worri of higher interest ra main restraints. Th figures, though a l than expected, did n to allay worries over of money supply s are now looking to t lor for a clearer in Government policy.

There is now a belief that with the of the way a falte will inevitably lead interest rates.

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MAIN CHANGES OF THE WEEK

Rises

Year's high	Year's low	Company	Movement	Co
360p	89p	Electrocomps	13p to 344p	Specula
33p	20p	Helical Bar	9p to 33p	Bid app
162p	95p	Marshall's Univ	13p to 160p	Takeove
282p	184p	Tilbury Cont	44p to 282p	Strong
240p	115p	Wheatsheaf Inv	38p to 192p	Terms

Falls

131p	79p	Albright & Wilson	5p to 110p	Profits v
72p	44p	Croda Int	6p to 48p	Below
504p	244p	Taylor Woodrow	10p to 366p	Disappo
276p	95p	Wigfall	22p to 203p	Specula
—	—	Afrikander Lease	115p to 160p	Uranium

Motor insurance

Pooling the costs of running the car

The advertisements of some radio-controlled hire car operators carry the phrase "fully insured". It is not quite clear what is meant by that.

Presumably, the point is being made that the organization and/or individual drivers are complying with the law by having in force insurance to meet any claims made by passengers for personal injury due to negligence.

Actually, from a passenger's point of view, it does not make a great deal of difference whether insurance is in force, or not. Liability to passengers has to be covered, and so, should there be no insurance in force, or if for any reason it is ineffective, claims can be made against the Motor Insurers' Bureau. In turn, of course, the bureau can try to make a recovery from the organization or individual who should have been insured—but was not.

At one stage, insurance to cover liability to passengers was compulsory only in the case of paying passengers. While most private car policies (the majority of which exclude any use of the car for "hire or reward") did provide this cover, sometimes it was specifically excluded, with cover no wider than the bare minimum required by law being provided. At that time it was usual for motor cycle insurances to exclude liability to passengers.

The law was changed, making it compulsory for liability to *all* passengers to be covered. This, therefore, is included as a matter of course. If a motorist is uninsured, an injured third-party can claim against the Motor Insurers' Bureau, and it may try to make a recovery from the negligent motorist who should have been insured.

Over the past few years, there has been an increasing tendency for passengers to make some payment—in money or in kind—to those who give them a lift. And it seems as though, in some parts of the country, private motorists will be able to help solve part of the transport problems in their areas by taking people in their cars, and charging—as would a rural taxi-service. For many car owners this will be a useful supplement to their incomes and help towards the overall cost of running their cars.

As mentioned, the normal private car policy specifies that the car will not be used in any way for "hire or reward". That point needs to be watched very carefully not only in the case of ski-ing charging but also where a lift is given to a friend and the passenger expresses his or her thanks in some tangible way.

Here, also, there have been changes over the years. At one time an insurance policy could be invalidated if a motorist giving a lift, whether regularly or on a single occasion, took any form of recompense. A few years ago, however, the insurance market made a change to meet the growing practice of passengers offering "petrol money" to those who gave them lifts.

The change put on a permanent basis the temporary arrangements which, from time to time, had been introduced during rail strikes. Now, virtually the whole of the motor insurance market has gone on record as saying to policyholders that to accept part of the cost of the petrol from passengers will not invalidate their policies.

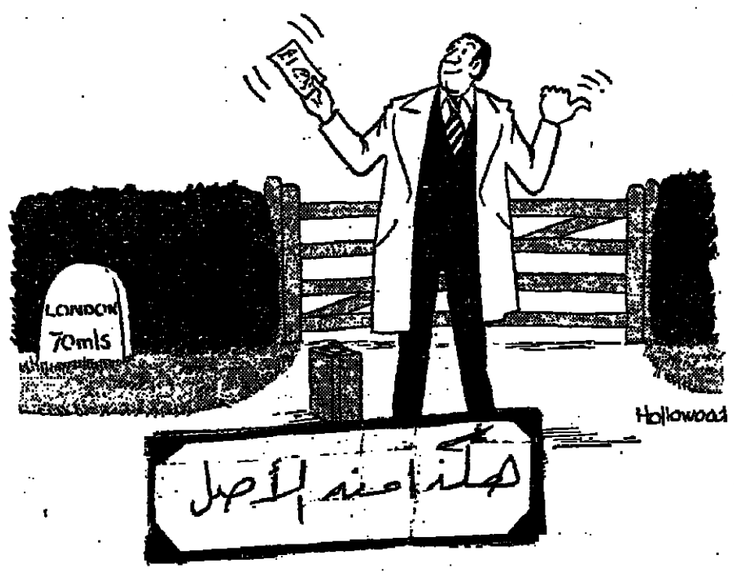
Here the important point to bear in mind is that it is only the cost of *petrol* which may be shared in this way. With all motoring costs increasing so sharply (not least of which are insurance premiums) many motorists, and their passengers, feel that rather more than petrol money should be covered.

What, however, could well count as the car being used for "hire or reward", with the result that the normal private car insurance would be invalidated. If in doubt, check with the insurers.

Of course, cover can be provided for "hire or reward" but it is generally appreciably more expensive.

John Drummond

"... an increasing tendency for passengers to make some payment—in money or in kind—to those who give them a lift."



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Buying a house

Cutting costs with your own conveyancing

Caught up in the house-buying fever, more young couples might be considering do-it-yourself conveyancing. Judy Walker and her husband Rodney describe their impressions after deciding to dispense with the services of solicitors when they themselves moved house.



Judy Walker and husband Rodney in front of the house for which they did the conveyancing themselves.

When Hamlet complained about the law's delay, he must have been buying a castle through a solicitor. He should have done the job himself. There is something exhilarating and rewarding about selling your old home and buying another without a solicitor.

We had read arguments by "renegade" solicitors that conveyancing can be done by the man in the street but we had not come across anyone like ourselves without a specialized legal training seeing the thing through.

Well, we have proved it can be done and we coped with one house being freehold and our new house leasehold.

If solicitors did not have a vested interest in making it appear complicated and if some of the vagueness could be removed from the questions and answers that are part of each transaction, the whole process could be made easier.

Many solicitors, even though they have plenty of court work, are reluctant to see a valuable and easy source of income disappear from their grasp.

In return for five to six hours spread over three months, we saved ourselves £500 to £600. The people who bought our old house—in a modest 1930s terrace in south east London—after selling a maisonette in the same area, were charged £426 and were disgusted to receive the bill before contracts were exchanged. We were buying a more expensive property so our bill would have been much steeper.

For the most part the work consists of filling in names and addresses, agreed figures and dates, sending questionnaires to the seller and local council and replying to ones sent on behalf of the buyer. What to do is described in *The Conveyancing Fraud* by Michael Joseph (obtainable from the author at 27 Occupation Lane, London SE18) and *How to Sell Your Property Without a Solicitor* by John Watson of the Homes Organisation (available with kit from The Homes Organisation, 4 Passey Place, London SE9). The Homes Organisation also runs a telephone advice service for those who buy their kit to help overcome any problems that crop up.

Our experience taught us that it pays to learn all about the system at an early date and not to leave it until the "looking at houses" phase.

Our original interest in doing our own conveyancing was to save money but this assumed less importance as we became more involved. Some of our Jeremiah friends who went through solicitors found their moves a nightmare because they were left in the dark by the person they were paying to look after their interests.

By doing it yourself you know precisely where you are up to in the transactions and have the satisfaction of knowing that the job is being done. The big advantage is that you are more interested in the property you are buying than the average solicitor. To him you are one of many on his book buying and selling. This means that small points may get overlooked whereas you find out all that there is to know.

Solicitors, despite a strongly held belief to the contrary, are not infallible. A friend's solicitor sent the contract and other documents to the house he was buying instead of to his current address. As his new home was empty the transaction came to a halt for weeks.

Our buyer's solicitor put the wrong date on the contract. Luckily we were in the office at the time and were able to point this out. Dates are of the utmost importance when you are buying and selling at the same time.

Another couple found that their buyer's solicitor had been taken ill and the deal left in abeyance. This delay cost our friends their new home.

Solicitors forget to send documents, as the old file on the purchase of our first home shows. Their post people lose things and on three occasions our buyer's solicitor asked for documents and information we had already sent: our authority to inspect the land register; approval of the document transferring ownership; and details of our building society. Every time we forwarded anything we both witnessed what went into the envelope and noted it down.

When we collected our file the solicitors by mistake gave us documents belonging to our building society. This resulted in a panic telephone call from them when they realized what they had done asking us to return the documents to their offices and not to the building society, who would not have been too pleased.

But in spite of this people have the mistaken idea that buying and selling without a solicitor is illegal, or at least immoral. The myth is implanted even in the minds of seasoned journalists who think doing it on the cheap inevitably means there is something wrong with it. The pessimists told us the worry would not be worth it and we would regret it later. I think some secretely doubted our sanity.

Over the years people have been brainwashed by the legal profession and its archaic language into believing that some magical mystique surrounds conveyancing and that this can be unravelled only by an experienced legal mind. What outsiders do not realize is that in many cases it is a clerk who does most of the conveyancing. Looking through the file on the purchase of the house we were selling we discovered a memo instructing a junior to "try his hand" at filling in one of the vital forms.

People worry about searches and think that only solicitors can handle them, but all the solicitor does is to send off prepared questionnaires to the seller and to the local council whereas you can make yourself known at the council offices and find out whether there is anything in the pipeline that might affect your property.

Solicitors rarely see the properties involved, but if the transaction is on a personal level you can go along to the property you are buying to satisfy yourself that it is watertight, that the drains are working, that it has mains services and precisely what fittings are being left behind.

Replying to inquiries before and after exchange of contracts is a matter of commonsense and by referring to what has been said in the documents when you bought the property you will be able to fill in the questionnaire. Do not be too committal. Solicitors never are.

For example, the replies they give to questions like "Who owns the boundary fences?" are "Check the ownership documents" or "The deeds are silent on the boundaries" You can give this kind of answer as well as any solicitor.

Michael Joseph says: "A client may think that by going to a solicitor he is buying some sort of insurance on his house purchase. But if it ever has to be referred to he will find that his insurance policy is written in invisible ink.

"Even if a solicitor has been negligent there needs to be a law suit before he is bound to pay compensation. The disgruntled house purchaser will have the greatest difficulty in getting a solicitor to act for him. If he does, that solicitor will ask for £500 on account and warn him that if he loses he will not only have to pay his own costs but those of the other side."

Judy Walker

Unit trust performance

Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 2062.0; change from January 1, 1978: −1.3%. Average charge offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: 13.5%; over 3 years: 53.3%.
Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, Greystone Place, Fetter Lane, London EC4A 1ND

GROWTH	A	B
Hambro Smaller Cos	52.9	140.2
Hambro Smaller Sec	45.2	152.6
Britannia Status Cuge	45.0	68.8
M & G Recovery	43.6	164.5
Oceanic Recovery	36.9	22.3
Perpetual Growth M	36.0	106.3
Confederation Growth	35.9	66.6
Piccadilly Capital	34.8	41.0
Unicorn Recovery	31.9	81.1
M & G Special	30.8	96.2
Hambros Recovery	28.4	135.1
Reliance Opportunity	28.1	75.1
Ldn Wall Special Sits	26.1	82.8
Loo Capital	26.0	—
New Court Smal Cos	25.7	80.9
Henderson Capital	25.5	74.9
Arbuthnot Growth	24.8	48.7
Oceanic Performance	23.0	54.4
Unicorn Prof M	20.9	91.8
Framlington Internat	20.4	—
Tyndall Scottish Cap	19.8	36.2
Unicorn Growth	19.4	51.8
Oceanic Index	19.2	65.2
GT Capital	18.7	59.1
Capel Capital	18.5	—
Britannia Professional	18.2	34.5
M & G Compound	17.0	44.0
Abbey Capital	16.7	69.7
Sebag Capital	16.1	62.1
Antony Gibbs Growth	15.6	—
Hambro Accumulator	15.2	67.8
Schroder Capital F	15.1	59.5
Trident UK Grth Acc	15.1	28.0
Key Equity & General	14.7	29.3
Crescent Growth	14.0	74.6
Vanguard Growth	13.7	64.5
New Court Equity	12.0	33.1
Trident Mrkt Leaders	11.6	—
Britannia Com & Ind	11.0	—
Bridge Capital	10.7	46.1
Manulife Growth	10.7	—
M & G Magnum	10.4	17.1
Britannia Capital Acc	10.3	37.4
Sekford Trust	9.7	37.9
Britannia Shield	9.3	33.1
Britannia Growth	9.0	45.0
Stratton F	8.5	40.7
Stockholders F	7.9	32.9
Pearl Growth	7.7	48.9
Nat & Comm Cap F	7.6	48.3
Coyne Growth	5.6	−13.2
S & P Capital	5.1	56.9
Emson Dudley	4.9	21.9
Target Growth	4.4	43.4
M & G Con Growth	3.6	31.5
National West Cap	2.8	35.9
Gartmore Insurance	2.3	25.9
S & P Select Inter	1.4	36.5
Lawson Growth	0.0	−7.3
Midland Drayton Cap	−0.4	38.1
Gartmore Com Share	−1.0	37.3
Mid Drayton Growth	−2.5	38.8
S & P Univ Growth	−3.3	27.2
Royal Trust Cap	−4.7	23.7

SPECIALIST	A	B
Oceanic Financial	27.9	23.2
Key Fixed Interest	25.1	—
London Wall Fin	24.2	40.0
Britannia Property	23.3	10.9
Arbuthnot Fin & Prop	23.1	17.9
Henderson European	22.2	5.6
Midland Drayton Com	21.5	9.6
Target Preference	20.5	61.4
Lawson Gilt	20.2	30.0
Britannia New Issue	20.1	46.5
Lawson Raw Materials	19.0	—
Britannia Fin Secs	18.9	—
Hill Samuel Fin	17.7	46.9
Target Financial	16.8	32.1
Target Investment	16.4	43.6
Henderson Internat	15.0	42.7
Unicorn Financial	14.6	47.4
M & G Commodity	14.6	—
Oceanic Investment	13.6	22.0
National West Fin	13.5	23.8
Charterhouse Euro	13.3	17.7
Arbuthnot East & Int	11.5	18.3
M & G Investment	11.4	48.2
Henderson Far East	11.3	83.2
S & P Scotbits	11.3	29.7
G.T. Japan & Gen	11.2	89.4
Britannia Invest Trust	11.2	—
Arbuthnot Capital	10.8	13.1
M & G Far Eastern	10.6	41.1
Britannia Minerals	10.1	−65.3
S & P European	10.0	19.1
S & P ITU	9.7	37.1
S & P Financial	9.7	36.1
Henderson Financial	9.4	12.9
Security Select F	9.4	14.3
Arbuthnot Preference	9.2	41.9
Allied Metals Min Com	9.1	27.0
Britannia Assets	8.9	39.6
Charterhouse Fit	8.5	31.4
Bishopsgate Int F	8.4	83.5
Arbuthnot Foreign	8.2	−1.9
Crescent Inter	7.8	41.1
Abbey Investment	7.7	49.8
Key Energy	7.4	—
Allied Hambro Pacific	6.7	66.5
London & Brussels	6.6	−5.8
Britannia Gold & Gen	6.6	−40.8
G.T. US & Gen	6.5	4.3
Practical	6.5	30.4
Arbuthnot Com Share	6.4	66.3
S & P Commodity	6.0	24.1
Schroder Europe M	5.9	−10.8
Target Eagle	5.9	21.2
Target Gilt Fund	5.8	—
Target Commodity	5.6	36.1
Gartmore Far Eastern	4.9	—
Gt Winch Overseas M	4.7	45.4
Hambro O'seas Earn	4.6	—
Britannia Com Shares	3.8	28.4
Britannia Far East	3.5	16.4
Stewart American	3.3	41.1
Mercury Inter	3.1	—
London Wall Inter	3.0	27.2
Bridge International	2.9	29.6
M & G Australasian	2.8	0.7
Britannia Uni Energy	2.5	—
GT International	2.3	—
M & G Japan	2.3	54.5
Henderson Nar Res	1.7	12.1
S & P Japan Grwth	1.7	80.6
Arbuthnot N Amer Int	1.1	0.4
Endeavour	0.9	32.9
L & C Inetrnational	0.5	31.8
M & G European	0.4	11.7
Britannia Int Growth	0.1	14.3
Hill Samuel Int	−0.1	37.5
Henderson Australian	−0.5	−8.3
Gartmore Inter	−1.1	11.0
New Court Int	−2.5	−15.4
S & P Energy	−2.3	57.3
M & G American	−4.9	45.4
Unicorn Australia	−5.0	3.2
Trident Nil Yield	−5.0	—
Target International	−5.1	15.8
Allied Hambro Int	−5.2	15.0
Hill Samuel Dollar	−5.5	29.8
Charterhouse Inter	−6.3	35.7
NPI Overseas	−6.5	8.5
Gartmore American	−6.9	—
Grantchester	−7.0	12.6
Rowan American	−7.2	−4.8
Oceanic Overseas	−9.0	−23.7
Hambros Secs of Am	−9.3	29.6
S & P US Growth	−9.3	18.6
Unicorn Worldwide	−10.9	10.6
Henderson N Amer	−11.5	4.7
Trident Inter	−12.1	−4.0
Chieftain Inter	−12.4	—
Unicorn America	−12.5	13.5
Ridgefield Inter	−13.3	—
Britannia N Amer	−13.5	7.7
Midland Drayton Int	−13.9	13.6
A. Gibbs Far East	−16.0	—
Trident American	−16.2	−7.5
Lawson American	−18.2	−3.8

A: Change since April 7, 1977, offer to bid, income reinvested.
B: Change since April 3, 1975, offer to bid, income reinvested.
Both taken to April 5, 1978.
M: Trust valued monthly.
F: Trust valued every two weeks.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

The spotlight again falls on takeover scene

Takeover stocks again dominated proceedings in an otherwise drab end to the first week of the Budget account.

Apart from a brief spell in mid-morning, prices spent the day just below their overnight levels as light profit taking just outweighed the buying efforts of one broker, in particular, who was thought to have put up to £1.5m in the market.

The *FT* Index, just 0.3 off at 1 pm, dipped more sharply after lunch and by the end stood 4.3 down at 467.1, a gain of just 3.3 over the five days. In gilts there was a fresh wave of speculation that once the Budget is out of the way, the authorities will be forced to raise interest rates. This restrained trade and both ends of the market closed with losses of around quarter of a point. It was emphasized, though, that selling was not heavy.

Broker Grieveson, Grant will probably have a weighty tome out on Reed International by the end of next week. This broker, unlike some others, has been notably cautious towards Reed in recent months and looks like staying that way for the present. Oddly, the shares have struggled up 6p to 118p this week despite the failure of the sale of some South African assets.

The long-awaited bid for **Wheatsheaf Distribution**, mentioned here earlier this week, proved to be the main centre of interest, not least because it came from a surprising quarter. The shares jumped 7p to 174p before they were suspended pending an announcement. When the Linfood terms were announced the shares were restored and closed 25p to the good at 192p. Though the terms are agreed, dealers would not be surprised to hear of a rival move, possibly from one of the traditionally favoured suitors like Sainsbury or BATs. Linfoods shares closed 8p off at 135p.

Another possibility mentioned here of late came to pass when the news came that Spillers was to sell off its baking interests to **RHM**, up 2p to 51p, and **AB Foods**, up 4p to 61p. But the Spillers statement also included a dividend cut and a forecast of lower profits and mainly because of this the shares slipped 4½p for a close of 28p.

Elsewhere on the bid front the shares of **Suits** came back and immediately went to 113p, a gain of 6p, after the previous evening's rejection of the Lonrho terms. **Lonrho** itself slipped a couple of pence to 69p and **House of Fraser**, where that company also has a stake, dipped 5p to 145p as the possibility of terms receded.

Also in bids **Helical Bar** jumped 7p to 33p after news of an unspecified approach and in spite of an earlier denial continued speculation led to a good demand for **Queen's Moat**, though this was not reflected in the price which was unmoved at 33½p.

Profit-taking after recent good rises in stores hit **Gus "A"** particularly hard. The shares dipped 8p to 288p, while a favourable mention lifted **Olives Paper Mill** 7p to 38p.

In the mining sector gold shares were generally slightly easier in line with the metal price, but the feature here—albeit bearish, was **Afrikander Lease** which plummeted no less than 115p to 160p after the chairman's statement that rising costs had caused the suspension of a uranium project.

Among the leading industrials, **BOC** sprang to some late life, rising 1p to 70½p after news of an agreement on bid terms for Airco. **Unilever** led the way up with a rise of 4p to 516p but **Glaxo** traded nervously in front of Monday's interim figures. Dealers are looking for profits in £40m to £43m range, against £39m, and with a high preponderence of overseas business the weaker pound should be of some marginal benefit.

The word is that a move can be expected soon for animal foods group Pauls & Whites which, at 119p, has seen good demand this week. BP, it is thought, thinks that the group would fit in well with its own operations in the field. An alternative theory is that an American company is keeping a watching brief.

Staflex was a weak market at at 13p after news that continuing losses had forced the sale of two subsidiaries. Good profits lifted both **Sharna Ware**, 6p to 80p, and **Maynards** 4p to 132p, but **Morgan Crucible** continued to react to Thursday's fourth-quarter profits decline.

Two others continuing to retreat after figures were **Taylor Woodrow**, by 7p to 366p, and **News International** 3p to 108p.

Equity turnover on April 6 was £78.12m (16,894 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were: Shell, GEC, Gus "A", ICI, Suits, Grand Metropolitan, Unilever, Burmah, Associated Dairies, BAT Dfd, Boots, Beecham, GKN, Spillers, Distillers and BP.

Latest results

Company	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Int or Fin						
Abwood Mc (I)	0.40(0.20)	0.01(0.001)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(0.25)
Brit Anzani (I)	6.29(4.69)	0.62a(0.70a)	2.38a(2.7a)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Cam Inst (F)	17.54(15.39)	2.93a(1.85)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Catalin (F)	5.77(5.96)	0.21(0.23)	5.4(6.6)	2.21(2.1)	—	2.86(2.68)
City of A'deen (I)	0.70(0.34)	0.08(0.06)	—(—)	1.0(0.52)	—	—(4.0)
L. C. Edwards (F)	20.0(20.1)	0.20(0.07a)	1.28(0.82a)	Nil(Nil)	—	Nil(Nil)
Dixor (F)	0.13(0.20)	0.009(0.03)	0.93(1.44)	0.24(0.59)	22/5	0.24(0.59)
Ellis & McH (I)	6.11(4.36)	0.14(0.11)	6.24(4.69)	—(—)	—	—(2.7)
Gde Durrant (F)	74.3(72.2)	4.64a(0.45)	13.1a(0.6a)	0.12(0.78)	1/6	0.12(0.78)
Wm Jacks (I)	5.28(4.16)	0.23(0.09)	2.21(0.12a)	—(—)	—	—(—)
W. Lawrence (I)	17.74(12.96)	0.52(0.58)	4.7(6.3)	2.25(2.25)	1/6	—(6.5)
Sharna Ware (F)	12.98(10.88)	0.70(0.50)	16.68(14.16)	1.40(1.17)	—	2.39(2.1)
Strus Steam (F)	160.59b(86.99b)	12.2b(9.0b)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Winn Inds (F)	19.23(18.62)	1.31(1.14)	8(6.1)	1.61(1.46)	16/6	2.8(2.5)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a Loss. b Dollars and cents.

Hamersley barely breaks even

By Michael Clark

Since the beginning of the year there has been little change in the world steel industry, Mr Russel Madigan, chairman of Hamersley Holdings, told shareholders at the annual meeting.

Japanese steel production remains low, particularly in relation to capacity. Hamersley, he adds, will continue for the time being to operate at less than capacity.

The current "unrealistic" exchange rate between the United States and the Australian dollar is severely eroding earnings which can be expected to fall significantly this year.

For the first quarter the tonnage delivered was only 6.2 million tons. At this rate the group cannot be expected to do much better than break even.

Because of the current recession the Japanese mills have exercised their contractual right to take 10 per cent less than the base tonnages for the current year.

Since 1967 the United States dollar price for FOB Dampier increased on average by 70 per cent, while the yen cost to the steel mills, CIF Japan, increased by only 30 per cent. In these circumstances, says the chairman, there is no logical reason for the mills to press for price cuts. The group will resist them.

NEB raises Cambridge stake as auditors criticize management

By Victor Felstead

The accounts from Cambridge Instrument are a mixture of good and bad. The group made a heavier loss in 1976-77 and the auditor's report is qualified; but the National Enterprise Board is strengthening its finances (and raising its own stake).

In the year to June 30 last, Cambridge made a pre-tax loss of £2.93m, compared with £1.85m for the preceding 15 months. Turnover rose from £15.39m to £17.53m.

But the directors now report that sales for the first seven months of the current year are much higher than for the similar period last year. They believe that it would be wrong to underestimate the difficulties but the group now has the right management, products and know how.

Cambridge's new agreement with the NEB will reinstate and improve its financial base which has been eroded by the losses made since 1975.

Under the deal, which is subject to shareholders' approval, the NEB will subscribe in cash at par for 325m new ordinary 1p shares. Cambridge will use the proceeds to repay the NEB's £2.25m secured loan, 1981-85 and £1m unsecured subordinated loan, 1986-90. On completion, the NEB will hold 416.94m ordinary shares, or 79.5 per cent of the then voting rights, compared with 46 per cent at present.

It will also hold 50m restricted voting shares, which if converted into ordinaries would give the NEB 81.3 per cent of the voting rights. The City Panel has confirmed that the NEB will not be required to make a general offer for the rest of the shares.

After the deal is completed, increased bank facilities of £1m will be available to Cambridge. Directors holding about 42.62m ordinary shares (about 21.5 per cent) will vote for the deal; the NEB will not vote.

Mine suspension knocks shares in Afrikander

By Desmond Quigley

Shares of Afrikander Lease collapsed to 160p yesterday, a drop of 115p, following the announcement that development of the proposed uranium mine had been suspended, as reported in the early editions of *The Times* yesterday.

However, there was some confusion in the City over the stated reasons for the delay, since all the indications in Johannesburg have been that it will be potentially a rich mine.

The company stated that it was concerned at the potential impact of inflation and the 4½ per cent general sales tax, introduced in the recent South African Budget, on capital expenditure and working costs.

When the feasibility study was considered last year, the company was "hopeful that the inflationary spiral had been contained and that costs would stabilize.

"The spate of price increases in the first quarter of 1978 has forced us to modify our views and to take another look at inflation insofar as it would affect capital expenditure and working costs".

Slump in nickel forces Inco into more cuts

Inco, the world's largest nickel producer, has announced further production cuts because of the continuing poor demand for the metal.

The group said that its inventory of finished nickel at the end of the first quarter of the year was essentially unchanged from the abnormally high level of 341m pounds reached at the end of last year, while uncertainties continued about the outlook for nickel demand.

The month long shut down of the major Sudbury and Port Colborne operations in July and August is to be extended.

Staflex Int to cut £2m off debts

By our Financial Staff

Staflex International, which expects to report a loss for last year, is seeking shareholders' approval to sell Bellow Machine and another subsidiary to rationalize group operations and cut short-term borrowings by about £2m.

This reduction is considered "essential" if Staflex is to look to the continuing support of its bankers.

Changes in the composition of the main board and a number of senior management changes will also be announced soon. In his interim statement last November, Mr Irwin Bellow, chairman, reported pre-tax profits down from £1.08m to £250,000 for the first half-year.

Subsequent figures showed a continuing deterioration, resulting in losses. These losses have continued and, although the year's results are not available yet, the outcome is likely to show a "very severe trading loss". In addition, very substantial write-offs will be made.

Bellow Machine, a distributor of machinery for use in the garment and household textile industries, is to be sold to its main supplier, Pfaff Industriemaschinen, for £1.35m.

A rationalization of the group's fusible manufacturing facilities in Europe has now taken place with the closure of the coating plant in Burnley and the consolidation of production in Holland.

Building offshoot sends Goode Durrant into loss

By valuing undeveloped sites in its publicly-quoted building subsidiary, Rawlings Bros, at lower of cost and open-market value, and so incurring a pre-tax loss in Rawlings of £4.64m, Goode Durrant & Murray Group reports a £4.64m loss for the year to October 31, compared with a profit of £457,000.

This was despite the profitable operation of its own overseas activities. But shareholders get a dividend of 0.18p, against last year's 1.21p gross.

The board also discloses that advances by the group to Rawlings totalled £3.4m. But the drain has been stopped. "Rawlings' present working capital requirement is contained within its own resources, external facilities and the amount advanced by the company", the board adds.

However, Rawlings' financial structure will need to be reorganized and details will be made available as soon as possible. *In the meantime the Rawlings shares, suspended since September 9, are not to be re-listed.*

The Rawlings board states: "If the land for development and work in progress on certain undeveloped sites had been valued at the cost including interest in certain cases which applied at November 1, 1976, the loss for the year before taxation would have been lower by £3.685m."

Two payouts a year at London Sumatra

London Sumatra, now fighting off a 150p a share takeover bid from McLeod-Sipef, is to pay two dividends, rather than one, a year. In a letter to shareholders, Mr F. W. Harper, chairman, also gives a strong hint that dividends will be increased.

He expects that an increasing flow of remittances from Indonesia, where the main plantations are, will be possible once the investment plans have been cleared by the Indonesian authorities.

Brit Anzani in talks with BSC Pension

The British Anzani board is confident that the future for all the companies within the group is now more hopeful than at any time during the past few years. The group, which back in October sold 92 acres of land in Kent to the British Steel Corporation's Pension Fund for £9m, is now currently negotiating with the fund for the sale of the remaining 60 acres. In the six months to September 30 the group reported a pre-tax loss of £623,000 against a loss of £709,000 on turnover up from £4.7m to £6.3m.

Firth employees on conspiracy charges

The board of G. M. Firth (Metals) states that Mr Gerrard Leadbeater, chairman, and four employees of a subsidiary, G. M. Firth (Steelstock), have been charged with conspiracy to utter forged documents, and conspiracy to defraud. Mr Leadbeater, who has a 40 per cent stake in the group, denies the charges and will continue in office. He is due to appear in court again in June. In March the board sent a letter to shareholders informing them of the investigation and reassuring them that it would have no effect on the company's finances.

Helical Bar may get takeover bid

The shares in Helical Bar jumped by 7p to 33p yesterday on news that the board has received an approach which may lead to an offer for the ordinary capital and the convertible unsecured loan stock. The potential bidder was not named, but Helical's board promised a further announcement as soon as possible.

MINNESOTA MINING
St Paul, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing chairman, Mr Raymond H. Herzog, said that 3M expects a good first quarter; 3M's growth in physical volume for the year will be substantially higher than real economic growth in either the United States or overseas.

AMAX INC
Unchanged quarterly dividend of 43¾ cents will be paid on June 1.

HANSON TRUST-COSALT
Hanson Trust has sold holding of 332,500 Cosalt shares (5.08%). The shares have been placed by Hedderwick Stirling Grumbar with institutional investors.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

At last, Volkswagen cash call and payout

From Peter Norman
Bonn, April 7

Volkswagenwerk today announced that it plans to pay a sharply higher dividend for last year, and disclosed the first details of a long awaited rights issue.

The group said that it will pay a dividend of DM7 per DM50 nominal share, and a bonus of DM1 for 1977 after paying DM4.50 for 1976.

Shareholders resident in West Germany who obtain a tax credit as a result of the German Corporation Tax law reform, will receive a gross yield of DM12.50 a share.

The substantial increase in dividend payments should ease the way for the proposed increase in capital to DM1.200m from DM900m.

The Volkswagen board is to seek shareholders approval at the annual meeting on July 4 for a one for three rights issue with the new DM50 nominal shares being issued at a price of DM150 each. The shares will rank for dividend from the beginning of July this year.

The German stock exchange apparently took the view that the issue was not particularly generous. Volkswagen shares dropped DM3.20 in Frankfurt to close at DM210.

For Volkswagen itself the capital increase is an overdue measure, delayed by the group's financial crisis in the early 1970s.

Volkswagen last increased its capital in 1970 when it converted 150 million marks of reserves into equity. The last rights issue was in 1966 when shareholders were asked to contribute to a DM150m increase in capital to DM750.

The fact that Volkswagen is paying a bonus for 1977 indicates that profits last year must have been good. The dividend announcement is sure to strengthen the resolve of the IG Metall trade union in pressing its demands for a substantial increase in wages at Volkswagen this year.

The union and company negotiators meet on Monday for what could prove to be a decisive session in the Volkswagen wage talks.

General Mills ahead

Minneapolis.—Continued strong demand for its products and services has enabled General Mills to set new records in the third quarter, and cumulatively for the first 39 weeks of fiscal 1978. Mr E. Robert Kinney, chairman, reports.

Third quarter results from continuing operations, covering the 13 weeks to February 26, show sales up by 16.6 per cent to $742.9m and earnings up by 10.5 per cent to $25.4m.

General Mills' interests in Britain include in foods and snacks: Smiths Food, Snakpak and Tudor Foods in the United Kingdom; and in toys, Denys Fisher and Palitoy.

For continuing operations during the first 39 weeks, sales increased by 14.7 per cent to 2.436 billion dollars; and earnings by 15.7 per cent to 106.8 million dollars.

John Lysaght blow

Sydney. — The operating profits of John Lysaght crashed to SA4.6m from SA9.9m last year. By contrast, sales rose to SA413.7m from SA386.2m. The company, equally owned by Broken Hill (BHP) and Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds (GKN), said that steel sheet and coil sales fell to 900,000 tonnes from 920,000. Substantial tonnage was sold to export.

The dividend is nil against SA4.3m.—Reuter.

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155	106	Airsprung 18½% CULS	155	—	18.5	11.9	—
39	25	Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	3.3	9.4	14.9
153	105	Bardon Hill	152	—	12.0	7.8	10.5
113	71	Deborah Ord	113	—	5.1	4.5	9.1
228	168	Deborah 17½% CULS	225	—	17.5	7.7	—
147	129	Frederick Parker	135	—	12.4	9.1	5.3
148	125	George Blair	147	—	15.0	10.2	5.9
58	36	Jackson Group	47	—	5.0	10.6	5.5
114	55	James Burrough	101	—	6.0	5.9	9.2
350	198	Robert Jenkins	315	—	26.7	8.4	5.3
24	9	Twinlock Ord	17	—	—	—	—
82	54	Twinlock 12½% ULS	82	—	12.0	14.6	—
82	54	Unilock Holdings	75	—	7.0	9.3	9.3
201	67	Walker Alexander	101	—	6.4	6.3	7.5

Commodities

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon—Cash wire bars, £[illegible] (£[illegible]) a tonne; three months, £[illegible] (£[illegible]). Cash cathodes, £[illegible] (£[illegible]); three months, £[illegible] (£[illegible]). Morning—Cash wire bars, £[illegible] (£[illegible]); three months, £[illegible] (£[illegible]). Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] lots. Cash cathodes, £[illegible] (£[illegible]); three months, £[illegible] (£[illegible]). Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, 1,000 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market fixing: Spot, 252.1d per troy ounce; United States cents equivalent, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible]; one year, 312.9c (same). Afternoon—Spot, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible]. Sales, 42 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning—Cash, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]. Sales, 45 lots. Settlement, 281p. Sales, 45 lots.

TIN was steady.—Afternoon—Standard cash, £[illegible]-[illegible] a metric ton; three months, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] lots. Kuala Lumpur—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Penang—Standard cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Singapore—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Singapore tin remarks, [illegible] a picul.

LEAD was barely steady.—Afternoon—Spot, £[illegible]-[illegible]; forward, £[illegible]-[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, 2,000 tons.

ZINC was steady.—Afternoon—Cash, £[illegible]-[illegible] a metric ton; three months, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons.

ALUMINIUM was steady.—Afternoon—Cash, £[illegible]-[illegible] a metric ton; three months, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Morning—Cash, £[illegible]; three months, £[illegible]. Settlement, £[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] tons. Afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at $[illegible] an ounce.

RUBBER was quiet; prices per kilo. [illegible]; July-Sept, [illegible]; Oct-Dec, [illegible]; Jan-March, [illegible].

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon—Spot, £[illegible]-[illegible]; April-June, £[illegible]-[illegible]; July-Sept, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Oct-Dec, [illegible]. Morning—Cash, £[illegible]-[illegible]; April-June, £[illegible]-[illegible]; July-Sept, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Oct-Dec, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Jan-March, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] lots of 5 tonnes.

RUBBER: PHYSICALS were quiet.—Spot, [illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] lots of 5 tonnes.

COFFEE: Robustas were steadier; Arabicas were quiet.

ROBUSTAS (5 per metric ton): May, £[illegible]-[illegible]; July, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Sept, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Nov, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Jan, £[illegible]-[illegible]; March, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, [illegible] lots, including [illegible] options.

ARABICAS (15 per 50 kilos): April, £[illegible]-[illegible]; June, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Aug, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Oct, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Dec, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Feb, £[illegible]-[illegible]; April, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales: 32 lots.

PALM OIL was dull: April, £[illegible]-[illegible] per metric ton; May, June, July, and Aug, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Sept, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Oct, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Nov, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Dec, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales: [illegible] lots.

COCOA was easier: May, £[illegible]-[illegible]; July, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Sept, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Dec, £[illegible]-[illegible]; March, £[illegible]-[illegible]; May, £[illegible]-[illegible]; July, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales: [illegible] lots including [illegible] options. ICCO prices: daily, [illegible]; 15-day average, [illegible]. Cocoa average, [illegible].

SUGAR futures were quiet. The London daily price of raw was £[illegible] ([illegible]) the [illegible] tonne, prices were £[illegible] higher at £[illegible]. May, £[illegible]-[illegible] per metric ton; Aug, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Oct, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Dec, £[illegible]-[illegible]; March, £[illegible]-[illegible]; May, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Aug, £[illegible]-[illegible]; Oct, £[illegible]-[illegible]. Sales, one lot.

JUTE was steady.—Bangladesh white grade, afloat, $[illegible] per long ton. "B" grade, afloat, $[illegible]. Calcutta was steady.—Indian spot, Rs[illegible] per bale of [illegible]. Dundee Tossa four, spot, Rs[illegible].

GRAIN.—The Baltic.—WHEAT.—Canadian Western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: April-May, £[illegible]; June, US dark northern spring No 2, 10 per cent: April, [illegible]; May, £[illegible]; May-June, £[illegible] transshipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: April, £[illegible]; May, £[illegible]; June-shipment east coast, South African/Rhodesian: May, £[illegible] quoted.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta): EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady: May, £[illegible]; Sept, £[illegible]; Nov, £[illegible]; Jan, £[illegible]; March, £[illegible]. Sales: 139 lots. WHEAT was barely steady: May, £[illegible]; Sept, £[illegible]; Nov, £[illegible]; Jan, £[illegible]; March, £[illegible]. Sales: 140 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Location ex-farm spot prices.—

	WHEAT	WHEAT	BARLEY
Other milling Feed	—	£[illegible]	£[illegible]
Feed	£[illegible]	£[illegible]	£[illegible]
Lincs	—	—	—

MEAT COMMISSION: Average prices at representative markets on April 7.—GB Cattle, 66.65p per kgw (+0.1). Sheep, 126.0p per kgw (-0.6). GB: Pigs, 62.0p per kgw (+0.6). England and Wales: Cattle nos up 8.5 per cent, average price 64.5p (-1.7). Sheep nos down 12.6 per cent, average price 133.7p (-3.5). Pig nos up 0.8 per cent, average price 62.0p (+1.6). Scotland: Cattle nos up 10.0 per cent, average price 65.5p (+1.0). Sheep nos down 26.5 per cent, average price 135.4p (-2.8).

Foreign Exchange

In thin pre-weekend business sterling once again traded within narrow limits yesterday to finish 5 points higher at $1.8745 compared with $1.8740 overnight. The trade weighted index closed unchanged at 62.2 after easing marginally at the opening calculation of 62.1.

Dealers said the proximity of Tuesday's Budget and the lack of any other background influence kept operators mostly on the sidelines. Some moderate two-way commercial business was transacted when the transatlantic market opened.

The dollar eased back from firmer start losing ground to the Swiss franc at 1.8660 (1.8660), and the French franc 4.5425 (4.5525), although still showing to advantage at the expense of the Mark 2.0160 (2.0145), and the Japanese yen 219.40 (218.60).

Gold lost $0.75 an ounce to close in London at $179.375.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates day's range	Market rates (close)
	April 7	April 6
New York	[illegible]	$1.8740-8760
Montreal	[illegible]	$2.1370-1380
Amsterdam	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	[illegible]	[illegible]
Copenhagen	[illegible]	[illegible]
Frankfurt	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oslo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Madrid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Milan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Athens	[illegible]	[illegible]

Effective exchange rate compared to December 21 was 62.2, unchanged.

Forward Levels

New York	1 month	3 months
Montreal	05c prem-05c disc	[illegible]
Amsterdam	05-15c disc	20-30c disc
Brussels	5 prem-par	5-30c prem
Copenhagen	15-5c prem	35-20c prem
Frankfurt	1¼-9 prem	3¾-2¾ prem
Lisbon	60-110c disc	170-190c disc
Madrid	1¼-par prem	4¾-3¾ prem
Milan	90-110c disc	230-260c disc
Oslo	par-80c disc	120-270c disc
Paris	15-25c disc	45-55c disc
Stockholm	1¼-2¼ prem	3¾-4¾ prem
Vienna	1¼ prem-1¼ disc	3-4c disc
Zurich	2¼-1¼c prem	4-6c disc
Tokyo	2¾-1¾c prem	6¾-5¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate against US dollar, [illegible]. Local dollar deposits (-) calls, [illegible]; seven days, [illegible]; one month, [illegible]; three months, [illegible]; six months, [illegible].

Gold

Gold fixed am, $179.25 (an ounce) pm, $179.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): non-resident, $[illegible]; resident, $[illegible]. Sovereigns (new): non-resident, $[illegible]; resident, $[illegible].

Discount market

Credit was awash in Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England eventually intervened to mop up surplus liquidity. The mopping, taking the form of Treasury bill sales directly to the houses, was on an exceptionally large scale, indicating a figure in excess of £250m. However, this was probably rather more than was justified, leaving banks with rundown balances to carry across the weekend.

Balances were above target overnight, while there was a substantial excess of Government disbursements over Revenue transfers to the Exchequer, and maturing Treasury bills in the market's hands greatly outweighed the take-up.

These three factors were only partially offset by a fairly large flow of notes out into the weekend spending circulation. Money was well offered from the start, secured loans opened at 5 per cent, but much of the early business was done at 4 per cent. Closing balances were picked up between 3 and 3½ per cent.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 6½% (Last changed 6.1.78)

Clearing Bank Base Rate 6½%

Discount 30th Lendings

Weekend High 5 Low 3

Week Fixed: 4½-5

Treasury Bills (Buying / Selling)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	5⅝	2 months	5⅝
3 months	6⅛	3 months	5⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Buying / Selling)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	6¼-6⅛	2 months	6⅛-6
3 months	6⅛-6	3 months	6
4 months	6⅛-6	4 months	6
5 months	6⅛-6	5 months	6
6 months	6⅛-6	6 months	6

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	6¼-6⅛	8 months	7⅛-6¾
2 months	6¼-6⅛	9 months	7⅛-6¾
3 months	6⅛-6	10 months	7⅛-6¾
4 months	6⅛-6	11 months	7⅛-6¾
5 months	6⅛-6	12 months	7⅛-6¾
6 months	6⅛-6		

Secondary Mkt: LCD Rates

1 month	6¼-6⅛	7 months	7⅛-6¾
2 months	6¼-6⅛	8 months	7⅛-6¾
3 months	6⅛-6	9 months	7⅛-6¾
4 months	6⅛-6	10 months	7⅛-6¾
5 months	6⅛-6	11 months	7⅛-6¾
6 months	6⅛-6	12 months	7⅛-6¾

Local Authority Market

2 days	5¾-5½	3 months	6⅛-6
7 days	5¾-5½	6 months	6⅛-6
1 month	6¼-6⅛	1 year	6¼-6⅛

Interbank Market

Weekend:	Open 5¾-5½	Close 5¾-5½
1 week	5¾-5½	6 months 6⅛-6
1 month	6¼-6⅛	9 months 6⅛-6
3 months	6⅛-6	12 months 6⅛-6

First Class Finance Houses (Min. Rate): 3 months 6%, 6 months 6¼%

Finance House Base Rate 7%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£[illegible]	allotted	£200m
Right at	[illegible]	received	84%
Last week	[illegible]	received	93%
Average rate	[illegible]	Last week	[illegible]
Next week	£300m	replace	£[illegible]

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Automated Sec 8½ Cnv Pf (£1)	93
Kensington Chel 11¾% 85-7 (£100)	£101
Do Variable 1985 (£100)	£100½
Mid Sussex Wtr 7½ 1983	£102
Pearson 5.10½% Priv Cnv 1983-88	298
Saga Holidays 20p Ord (10½)	129
Tameside 10¾% 1984-85 (£99.ea)	£99¾
Do Variable 1983 (£99)	£100
York Wtr 11½% 1986 (£98)	£98

	Latest date of return
RIGHTS ISSUES	
Com Bnk Aust (5A1.75p)	Mar 10

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £20 paid. c £18 paid. d £30 paid. e £25 paid. f Partly paid. g SA1 paid. h £99 paid. i £45 paid.

Canadian Prices

Abitibi	13¾	13¾	
Alcan Aluminium	23¾	23¾	
Algoma Steel	18¾	18¾	
Bell Telephone	19¾	19¾	
Comince	23¾	23¾	
Cons Bathurst	35¾	35¾	
Distrib'dge	12¾	12¾	
Gulf Oil	24¾	24¾	
Hawker Std Can	6.00	5.97	
Hudson Bay Min	16½	16¾	
Hudson Bay Oil	14¾	14¾	
Imasco	30¾	30¾	
Imperial Oil	19¾	19¾	
Int Pipe	14	14	
Massey-Ferguson	11¾	11¾	
Royal Trust	19¾	19¾	
Seagram	35¾	35¾	
Steel Co	25¾	25¾	
Texaco	24¾	24¾	
Thomson N 'A'	12¾	12¾	
Walker Hiram	15¾	15¾	
WCT	15¾	15¾	

	Apr 6	Apr 5
Allied Chem	37¾	37¾
Allied Stores	20¾	20¾
Allied Supermkt	45¾	45¾
Allis Chalmers	11¾	11¾
Alcoa	40¾	40
Amax Inc	34¾	34¾
Amerada Hess	24¾	24¾
Am Airlines	11¾	11¾
Am Brands	29¾	29¾
Am Broadcast	18¾	18¾
Am Can	26¾	26¾
Am Cyanamid	20¾	20¾
Am Elec Power	20¾	20¾
Am Home	28¾	28¾
Am Motors	4¾	4¾
Am Nat Res	19¾	19¾
Am Standard	20¾	20¾
Am Telephone	61¾	61¾
AMF Inc	16¾	16¾
Armco Steel	27¾	27¾
Asarco	18¾	18¾
Ashland Oil	28	27¾
Atlantic Richfield	46¾	46¾
Avco	10¾	10¾
Avon Products	45¾	45¾
Babcock & Wcox	22¾	22¾
Bankers Tst NY	43¾	43¾
Bank of America	20¾	20¾
Bank of NY	31¾	31¾
Beatrice Foods	23¾	23¾
Bell & Howell	18¾	18¾
Bendix	35	34¾
Bethlehem Steel	20¾	20¾
Boeing	34¾	34¾
Boise Cascade	23¾	23¾
Borden	29¾	29¾
Borg Warner	27¾	27¾
Bristol Myers	39¾	39¾
BP	34¾	34¾
Budd	13¾	13¾
Burlington Ind	19¾	19¾
Burlington Ntnn	37¾	37¾
Burroughs	39¾	39¾
Campbell Soup	31¾	31¾
Canadian Pacific	14¾	14¾
Caterpillar	45¾	45
Celanese	17¾	17¾
Central Soya	14¾	14
Charter NY	20¾	20¾
Chase Manhat	28¾	28¾
Chem Bank NY	29¾	29¾
Chesapeake Ohio	28¾	28¾
Chrysler	11¾	11¾
Citicorp	20¾	20¾
Cities Service	45¾	45¾
Clark Equip	25¾	25¾
Coca Cola	38¾	38¾
Colgate	23¾	23¾
CBS	48¾	48¾
Columbia Gas	18¾	18¾
Combustion Eng	34¾	34¾
Comwlth Edison	27¾	27¾
Cons Edison	22¾	22¾
Comwlth Oil	22¾	22¾
Cons Power	23¾	23¾
Continental Grp	28¾	28¾
Continental Oil	28¾	28¾
Control Data	39¾	39¾
Corning Glass	46¾	46¾
CPC Intnl	45¾	45¾
Crane	15¾	15¾
Crocker Int	12¾	12¾
Crown Zeller	30¾	30¾
Curt Ind	11¾	11¾
Deere	29¾	29¾
Del Monte	16¾	16¾
Delta Air	39¾	39¾
Detroit Edison	16¾	16¾
Disney	33¾	33¾
Dow Chemical	36¾	36¾
Dresser Ind	20¾	20¾
Duke Power	20¾	20¾
Du Pont	104¾	104¾
Eastern Air	7¾	7¾
Eastman Kodak	43¾	43¾
Eaton Corp	34¾	35
El Paso Nat Gas	15¾	15¾
Equitable Life	23¾	23¾
Esmark	20¾	20¾
Evans P. D.	15¾	15¾
Exxon Corp	68¾	68¾
Fed Dept Stores	39¾	39¾
Firestone	14	14¾
Fst Chicago	18¾	17¾
Fst Nat Boston	29¾	29¾
Fst Penn Corp	15¾	15¾
Ford	46¾	46¾
GAF Corp	11¾	11¾
Gamble Skogmo	28¾	28¾
Gen Dynamics	45¾	46¾
Gen Electric	32¾	32¾
Gen Foods	27¾	28¾
Gen Mills	37¾	37¾
Gen Motors	63¾	63¾
Gen Pub Util NY	10¾	10¾
Gen Tel Elec	24¾	24¾
Genesco	20¾	20¾
Georgia Pacific	24¾	24¾
Getty Oil	156½	157
Gillette	20¾	20¾
Goodrich	20¾	20¾
Goodyear	17¾	17¾
Gould Inc	20¾	20¾
Grace	24¾	24¾
Gt Atlc & Pacific	9¾	9¾
Greyhound	13	13¾
Grumman Corp	15¾	15¾
Gulf Oil	31¾	31¾
Gulf St West	12¾	12¾
Heinz H. J.	34	34¾
Hercules	13¾	14
Honeywell	44¾	44¾
IC Inds	25¾	25¾
Inexco Oil	14¾	14¾
Ingersoll	33¾	33¾
Inland Steel	38¾	38¾
IBM	240¾	241¾
Int Harvester	24¾	24¾
Int Nickel	15¾	15¾
Int Paper	37¾	37¾
Int Tel Tel	19¾	19¾
Jewel Cos	19¾	19¾
Jim Walter	26	26¾
Johns-Manville	29	28¾
Johnson & John	68¾	68
Kaiser Alumin	23¾	23¾
Kennecott	41¾	41¾
Kerr McGee	45¾	45¾
Kimberly Clark	41¾	41¾
Kratico Corp	44¾	44¾
K Mart	29¾	29¾
Kroger	14¾	14¾
Ligget Group	29¾	29¾
L.T.V. Corp	8¾	9
Litton	15¾	15¾
Lockheed	6¾	6¾
Lucky Stores	14	14
Manuf Hanover	31¾	31¾
Mapco	35¾	35¾
Marathon Oil	19¾	19¾
Marine Midland	15¾	15¾
Martin Marietta	29¾	29¾
McDonnell	18¾	18¾
McGraw Hill	19	19¾
Merck	45¾	45¾
Minnesota Mng	43¾	43¾
Mobil Oil	61¾	62¾
Monsanto	47¾	47¾
Morgan J. P.	44	43¾
Motorola	38¾	39
NCR Corp	44¾	44¾
NL Industries	14¾	14¾
Nabisco	17¾	17¾
Nat Distillers	27¾	27¾
Nat Steel	30¾	30¾
Norfolk West	22¾	22¾
NW Bancorp	28¾	28¾
Norton Simon	15¾	15¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¾
Ogden	14¾	14¾
Olin Corp	14	14¾
Owens-Illinois	29¾	29¾
Pacific Gas Elec	24¾	24
Pan Am	3¾	3¾
Penney J. C.	36¾	36¾
Pennzoil	30¾	30¾
Pepsico	27¾	27¾
Pet Sec	20¾	20¾
Pfizer	39¾	39¾
Phelps Dodge	23¾	23¾
Philip Morris	39¾	39¾
Phillips Petrol	29¾	29¾
Polaroid	28¾	28¾
PPG Ind	29¾	29¾
Procter Gamble	74¾	74¾
Pub Ser El & Gas	19¾	19¾
Pullman	25¾	25¾
Rapid American	8¾	8¾
Raytheon	36¾	36¾
RCA Corp	17¾	17¾
Republic Steel	25¾	25¾
Reynolds Ind	37¾	37¾
Reynolds Metal	25¾	25¾
Rockwell Int	29¾	29¾
Royal Dutch	72¾	72¾
Safeways	28¾	28¾
St Regis Paper	20¾	20¾
Santa Fe Ind	20¾	20¾
SCM	20¾	20¾
Schlumberger	64¾	64¾
Scott Paper	27¾	27¾
Seaboard Coast	15¾	15¾
Sealtram	15¾	15¾
Sears Roebuck	36¾	36¾
Shell Oil	37¾	37¾
Signal Co	33¾	33¾
Singer	19¾	19¾
Sony	15¾	15¾
Std Cal Edison	23¾	23¾
Southern Pacific	31¾	31¾
Southern Rly	46¾	46¾
Sperry Rand	23¾	23¾
Std Oil California	34¾	34¾
Std Oil Indiana	44¾	44¾
Std Oil Ohio	39¾	39¾
Sterling Drug	14	14
Stevens J. P.	33¾	33¾
Stude Worth	19¾	19¾
Sunbeam Corp	19¾	19¾
Tenneco	40¾	40¾
Teledyne	15¾	15¾
Tesoro	19¾	19¾
Texas East Trans	28¾	28¾
Texas Inst	86	86¾
Texas Utilities	28¾	28¾
Textron	26¾	26¾
TWA	15¾	15¾
Travelers Corp	31¾	31¾
TRW Inc	31¾	31¾
UAL Inc	41¾	41¾
Unilever Ltd	37¾	37¾
Unilever NV	35¾	35¾
Union Bancorp	19¾	19¾
Union Carbide	39¾	39¾
Union Oil Calif	26¾	26¾
Un Pacific Corp	44¾	44¾
Uniroyal	5¾	5¾
United Brands	7¾	7¾
US Industries	9	9
US Steel	26¾	26¾
Utd Technol	36¾	36¾
Wachovia	16¾	16¾
Warner Comm	19¾	19¾
Warner Lambert	19¾	19¾
Wells Fargo	16¾	16¾
West'n Bancorp	19¾	19¾
Westnghse Elec	12¾	12¾
Weyerhaeuser	29¾	29¾
Whirlpool	22¾	22¾
White Motor	5¾	5¾
Woolworth	18¾	18¾
Xerox Corp	49¾	49¾
Zenith	15¾	15¾

Wall Street

New York, April 7.—The New York Stock Market posted a broad gain somewhat surprising the more doubtful analysts.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 5.63 points to 769.38. Some 870 issues gained with about 525 lower.

Silver dips to 6 cents

New York, April 7. COMEX SILVER futures were dull throughout as prices reacted in a light range of 4.00 cents ahead of President Carter's announcement Tuesday on steps to combat inflation. Prices held net losses at the close of 5.00 to 6.00 cents. April, $[illegible]; May, $[illegible]; June, $[illegible]; July, $[illegible]; Sept, $[illegible]; Dec, $[illegible]; March, $[illegible]; May, $[illegible]; July, $[illegible]; Sept, $[illegible]; Dec, $[illegible]; Jan, $[illegible]; March, $[illegible]; May, $[illegible]; July, $[illegible]; Sept, $[illegible]; Dec, $[illegible]; Jan, $[illegible]. Handy and Harman: 221.80c (previous 226.50c). Handy and Harman of Canada: Can$3.964 (previous Can$3.990).

GOLD futures were: CHICAGO IMM, June, $[illegible]; Sept, $185.10; Dec, $[illegible]. NY COMEX: April, $[illegible]; May, $178.50; June, $[illegible]; Aug, $[illegible]; Oct, $[illegible]. Dec, $[illegible]; Feb, $[illegible]; April, $[illegible]; June, $[illegible]; Aug, $[illegible]; Oct, $201.20; Dec, $204.20; Feb, $207.20.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Thursday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

COPPER, futures closed steady between 20 and 50 points up. April, 64.40c; May, 65.00c; June, 65.00c; July, 65.10c; Sept, 64.10c; Dec, 64.80c; Jan, 65.10c; March, 67.10c; May, 68.10c; July, 69.10c; Sept, 70.10c; Dec, 71.00c; Jan, 72.10c.

SUGAR.—Futures in No 11 contract were: May, 7.82-83c; July, 8.12-13c; Sept, 8.36c; Oct, 8.47c; Jan, 8.70-80c; March, 8.93c; May, 9.04-05c; July, 9.16-17c; Sept, 9.32-34c.

COTTON.—Futures were: May, 57.52c; July, 57.72-80c; Oct, 59.65c; Dec, 61.95-62.50; March, 61.90c; May, 62.30-40c; July, 62.80-90c.

COFFEE: Futures in "C" contract were: May, 170.50c; July, 150.50c; Sept, 154.50-155.00c; Dec, 119.00-27.00c; March, 115.15c; May, 112.50-90c; July, 112.00c asked; Sept, 112.00c asked.

COCOA: Futures were: May, 156.50c; July, 151.50c; Sept, 149.00c; Dec, 143.50c; March, 139.45c; May, [illegible]; July, 134.45c; Sept, [illegible]; Dec, [illegible].

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Future were: SOYABEANS. May, 701-699½c; July, 689-91c; Aug, 675-74c; Sept, 630-29c; Nov, 620; Jan, 626c; March, [illegible]; May, 635c. SOYABEAN OIL. May, 26.10-05c; July, 25.33-30c; Aug, 24.85-80c; Sept, 25.65c; Oct, 25.60; Dec, [illegible]; Jan, 25.00c; March, [illegible]; May, 24.85-90c. SOYABEAN MEAL. May, $179.00-180.00; July, $181.50-1.80; Aug, $[illegible]; Sept, $175.00-6.50; Oct, $170.00-169.50; Dec, $170.00-169.50; Jan $171.00; March, $173.50-4.05; May, $175.00-6.00.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

US STRAIGHTS ($)	Bid	Offer
Australia 7¼ 1981	95¼	96¼
Australia 8¼ 1992	94¼	95¼
Aust Mining 9¼ 1992	98	98¾
Asco 9¼ 1983	99¾	100¾
Asco 9¼ 1983	98¼	99¼
Burmah 8¾ 1992	97	97¾

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Stock Exchange Prices

Gilts fall back

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 3. Dealings End, April 14. § Contango Day, April 17. Settlement Day, April 25.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days

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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 07.04.78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1959)=—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	188.96	6.87	12.32	200.04
Largest Cos.	202.64	6.44	11.96	203.73
Smaller Cos.	157.70	7.40	14.31	157.96
Capital Goods	228.35	6.87	14.77	230.29
Consumer Goods	214.91	7.03	12.32	215.52
Share Shares	174.79	6.33	8.03	176.83
Largest financial shares	219.89	5.89	—	220.42
Largest financial and industrial shares	205.77	6.33	—	206.95
Commodity shares	226.41	5.64	13.67	224.63
Gold Mining shares	201.48	8.49	16.78	201.50
Industrial debenture stocks	94.40	6 31*	—	94.42
Industrial preference stocks	59.65	11.72*	—	59.65

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	222.98 (14.09.77)	49.19 (15.12.74)
1978	208.15 (06.01.78)	184.98 (02.03.78)
1977	222.04 (14.09.77)	131.29 (12.01.77)
1976	171.95 (05.03.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	156.02 (19.11.75)	81.42 (06.01.75)
1974	176.18 (28.02.74)	80.18 (12.12.74)
1973	369.33 (12.01.73)	180.09 (14.12.73)

* Flat interest yield.

a Ex dividend. a Ex all b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Yld. highest. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. v Price adjusted for late dealings. ... No significant data.

Weekend SHOPAROUND Sheila Black

■ My newest grandchild arrived on March 22, and has been quietly angelic, though exceptionally wide awake for his age—my thanks to readers for their interest in him. There were no cries and tears during my visit but I think, as I helped to hang out the washing, that it needs a special kind of courage to have another baby when the rest of the family is on the threshhold of independence. As a grandmother of teenagers, I am currently more trained to understand the graphic language of the wheelies and to admire Scott's Krips or Clym's Lazer Slalom trucks on skateboards, noting that Hang Tens are now exchanged for the Power Paws or that red risers have been fixed above the yellow wheels. The eldest, who can spend an hour choosing the right petticoat to show beneath her summer skirts but who has a mind of her own when it comes to most decisions, tells me she thinks she has outgrown the skateboard stage and will sell her gear and board to buy a checked tweed suit. So it seemed a trifle odd to walk into a chemist last week for Napisan or Infacare, as though the newcomer were rather remote.

Having provided colourful, knitted tracksuits, I feel gifts should be practical and was delighted to receive the latest Babycare leaflet from Hub Marketing, the pleasant family-run mail order firm down in Castle Street, Bampton, Tiverton EX16 9NS (Devon). The telephone number is Bampton (039 831) 530 and, being a personal service business, they do welcome telephone calls from customers.

They are not a cut-price firm but they are competitive in what they do and their quality is first-rate. The baby nappies are in line with prices at Boots but it is useful to have the bulky parcels arrive by mail when being saddled with a small baby makes it difficult to get from high street shops. Supernaps are soft, absorbent, self-fastening and with plastic backing—the wadding is disposable but the liner and the plastic should be thrown away if you respect your plumbing. They cost £2.95 for 50 or £5.19 per 100 for small babies and £3.25 or £5.89 for larger sizes. Plain nappy liners are £2.53 per 400 and disposable cot sheets are £3.20 for 20. Draw sheets, bed sheets, baby gowns (£1.61 for ten), aprons, bibs, hand towels and quick-change Towelette antiseptic wipes (in separate sachets) are all on the list of either disposable or short-life products.

Hub seems to have made its name with sweaters and has begun to specialize in pure wools and special sweaters. The Swaledale sweaters in natural, oatmeal-coloured Yorkshire wool, have suede patches on shoulders and elbows, sell at about £16 to £17 and are always in demand. The hairy, rugged Herdwick wool from the Lake District is another favourite and more are to be added this year. There is now a cricket sweater being made, long-sleeved and easy, trimmed with the colours of the team or individual buyer—about £15-£16 for the sleeved version and a little less without the colours.

Plain white, sleeveless slip-overs will very soon be made as will heavy-duty boating jerseys, rather like the Guernseys that most boating people like. They will be square-cut, full and easy to work in, of natural Aran or navy wools. One of Hub's advantages is that sizes go right up to a 48-inch chest. To go with the sweaters, Hub has begun to sell Yorkshire tweeds by the metre at prices around £7.

The sheepskin leaflet covers double and single rugs and an excellent "nursing" fleece bedsheet which is popular with the elderly, partly inactive, arthritic and others who find the warm, washable fleece keeps the bed warm and comfortable. Gloves and bags are still sheepskin favourites and coats can be made or bought to order, as can footmuffs, although these are not the mainstays of Hub's business.

The fleecy undersheet is now also being made in pure wool deep pile. Springy, reliably washable and resilient, it also gives warmth and comfort with natural ventilation because wool breathes and also absorbs body moistur venting clamminess and body heat. In sizes to bed widths, the wool from £4.35 for the 26in size (good enough for blanket or sheet) to £1 the 48in by 36in and to £38.17 for the 48in One advantage of the w is that it can be made u large sizes whereas sheepskin items are r by the natural sizes o Many special orders carried out—talk to t pany which is very hel willing. Be sure to clari leaflet(s) you want w write to them.

■ Since Susan Benjamin revived the ancient art of enamelling some 10 or 12 years ago, she has had a number of imitators but few have succeeded in actually marketing rivals. I should clarify something that has puzzled one or two readers. The originally-revived Bilston and Battersea enamels are available only from Halcyon Days, 14 Brook Street, London W.1 by mail (money returned on returned goods if you are disappointed) or by personal shopping. These are the collectors' boxes.

Staffordshire Enamels boxes are in a good many shops and stores, like Gereds' Chinacraft and some other china shops and departments. They are patterned by transfer printing and not hand-painted like the Halcyon Days boxes and the prices are similar. There is a range of eggs, some boxes that give birthday or anniversary greetings and special editions like the Shakespeare and Cutty Sark boxes in the photograph. All are the larger-diameter 2½-in boxes at about £18 (the smaller ones being about £14.90). If you do not find them locally, write to Staffordshire Enamels at Cinderhill Industrial Estate, Weston Coyney Road, Longton, Staffordshire (Stoke-on-Trent 322948).





■ Westclox, the world clock manufacturers, h ted on home safety wi detection system. Smo is the name and it monitoring and rea even the smallest ch the atmosphere, chang kind that crop up befo or flame are visible. Th tion system gives the warning possible. Its scream is unmistak should prevent some tragic accidents cause in shops, offices, ho people's homes and Combustion, right a early stage, releases water vapour, carbon carbon monoxide, Smoke Signal can n they rise to the ceil it is fixed. It measu seven inches square inches thick and ca stalled by anyone wh with a screwdriver. batteries begin to—r the alarm begins to tinuously.

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This is a good tim something I feel can tioned too often and Sentinel smothering kept near the cooki restaurants but in homes. Cooker fires n ber every year and 22,000 flared up la which more than 17, from burning fat. people hurl water burning pan, which n turns to steam, ex causes a minor explo hurls the burning f air and spreads th causes injury. The cloth is in a pack t it pops out when th pulled. Of glass fi made by Tutor Safe Sturminster Newt and it costs about £ domestic size me inches by 3 feet.

■ Readers expressed worry about the installers of intruder alarms (this page two weeks ago). Can they be trusted not to divulge customers' secrets? The answer is "No". Even the most careful employer must admit, in all honesty, that dishonest men can be plausible enough to be hired. The risk is small if you go for a simple, foolproof system like the Bunch method that uses the mortice key to arm or disarm the system. For one thing, there is no extra key to lose or replace, apart from the one you should have had anyway.

In the second place, you can get your mortice lock fitted by any builder, even do it yourself. Then, when the men come to install your system, they cannot possibly smuggle away spare keys to your system or get duplicates cut. I was here the whole time my installers were working and loaned them the front-door key only when they wanted to test the final installation. If you worry about it, get the mortice lock put in anew by someone who has not the remotest idea that you plan a burglar alarm system—in which case do not tell anyone—or, if you are more trusting, let the alarm company do it for you.

I tend to agree that, with separate key-operated systems, one might always have the feeling that someone, somewhere, could switch off your alarm. Bunch, incidentally, keeps nobody's specifications on file, for double safety. Bunch also has a fixed maintenance charge. Check that your charges are not likely to increase annually.

News of a kit came in from Bissell after last week's page had gone to press. The Bissell Alarm includes a control box, bell, panic button, five window and door magnetic switches and two pressure pads and 30 metres of wire, all battery-operated. The kit is £67.50 (post free) directly from Bissell who will also send leaflets on receipt of sae. From Bissell Appliances (c/o Muriel Stranks), Larkshall Road, Highams Park, London E4 9NH.

Incidentally, if I was unenthusiastic about DIY systems, let me say that I did not mean to malign readers who are competent handymen. Obviously any system is better than none, and DIY systems are more than adequate for many homes. But please do make sure that they will pass muster with the insurance company, the main point I hoped to make. Rightly, insurance companies are becoming worried by the growth of theft and vandalism. They may want greater security than you hope to get away with. Argue them down by all means, but not too far. I heard, last weekend, of a large house being robbed of its silver and valuables in one and a half hours while the family shopped. No intruder alarms to stop the thief at all, not even double locking systems. Anything must be better than that.



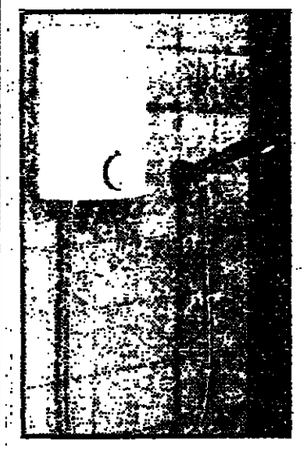
■ These attractive curvy cane shelves for paperbacks, plants or anything lightweight, from Cucina at £11.85 (plus £1.06 postage) are in both their shops at 4 Ladbroke Grove or Englands Lane, London. The tea, coffee or sugar canisters are £1.60 plus 36p or 60p for three and the cake tins are £1.68 plus 66p. The Japanese wallets are among the nicest presents you can give because they are useful, decorative and not expensive at £1.89 each plus 15p. I was given one by a Japanese friend, two Christmases ago, and it still wears and wears. Distinctive enough to be easily fished out of the rest of the handbag clutter. My own was basically a pale oatmeal colour with typical Japanese scene on it and it has needed neither sponging nor cleaning yet. Those in the photograph are mainly in blues and reds.

■ I feel as tempted to buy new sheets and bed or duvet covers as some people feel about clothes because so many pretty patterns keep appearing. For the current ranges of the standards like Dorma, Christy, Vantona and Osman, one of the best shop windows is the *Helios* catalogue, of which the latest edition is now ready. I love the oriental pinks and the bazaar-style pattern of Dorma's Benares which looks as much like a cottage print as fairy story and which has matched curtains. Peking is another charmer, stylized but pretty. Striped sheets in black or red look rather like a bold mattress ticking while Fontainebleau is demurely floral.

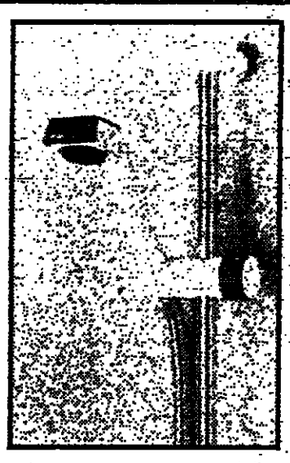
Not all are in the *Helios* catalogue but most of them are and it also features the crisp Terrazzo from Vantona, which is rather like an old Spanish pattern for tiles.

In the photograph is Fragrance, from Christy's Country Garden range, fresh in mint green with sugar pinks and fuschia, featuring a flower and butterfly pattern. Osman's Primavera is rightly a continuing favourite as are the Italian garden colours. Helios Grecian border towels, showing the galloping horses in the frieze border in either of four colours, are lovely deep-pile things. Twinsets and sweaters, tweed skirts and waistcoats all remain classically simple. There are some Thai curtains in that unique silk with a slightly tweedy look in five characteristically pale, clear colours. Some table cloths, cutlery both traditional and modern, and some tablemats are also in this perennial catalogue of pretty, practical and good things. The address is Helios Home Supplies, Marlborough Mill, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Dorma's own *Bedroom* catalogue of its latest bedding designs is also ready now for anyone who sends 20p to Dorma, Lees Street, Swinton, Manchester M27 2DD, or goes along to a Dorma stockist.







■ Walker Croswel introduced what it of the most effici of its type and, w perience, they shou The Miralec co convenience of heater with the flex the shower so th water runs straight to the shower he shortest possible handset has special to ensure the max tiveness despite the rate of water fr water-heaters. It neat, being about inches, and it has separate ones for the temperature so that water com the works. Miralec features like the cu that comes into pla water reaches a tem 55°C (132°F); or switch that operate of a water-pressure so that the unit ca on if water does no it; and the pressure to relieve any unsi if a blockage occu on the heater. Miralec costs about installation charges.

Plumbing is sim electrical connexio directly to the fus a 30-amp fuse. Idea lation where there the space nor th systems for the showers from Wall ler, Whaddon Work Road, Cheltenham photographs show skills, certainly the shower business.

■ If there is anything that Thomas Rochford does not know about indoor plants, then it really is not worth knowing—his company must have done more than anybody to adapt these formerly temperamental mini-jungles to our British interior conditions and to give us flowers and colour where once only sickly greens survived the central heating or the draughts. Together with Arthur Hellyer of the *Financial Times* and Graham Rose of *The Sunday Times* he will be at a Gardeners' Forum on Wednesday, April 12, at Cecily Davies Hall, Cochrane Street, London, NW8, from 6.45 until 8 pm (wine and savouries served from 6.15 pm. Organized by the Friends of the St Marylebone Housing Association, it is close to free parking in the Lords north car park. Tickets are £3 inclusive from Miss Clarke, 7 Middle Field, St John's Wood Park, London, NW8 (01-722 1036).

Still on the subject of plants, have you noticed Plant Pins in the shops? These look like small cardboard arrows and they are made of two strips of pasteboard between which is pressed a water soluble film impregnated with butoxicarboxim. Push the pin into the soil by the plant stem and, as the film dissolves in the soil's moisture, the ingredients pass into the soil to be taken up through the roots to leaves, soft stems and flowers to kill insects and mites feeding thereon. Effective against greenfly, it is said also to give some control of mealy-bugs and whitefly—all for up to about six weeks.

Very few plants are allergic to Plant Pin which, though relatively new to Britain has been successfully marketed in West Germany and Holland for a couple of years. Made by a Munich company, it is distributed here by JT Sales Promotions, 23 St Mary's Walk, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG2 0LW. They will sell direct for 80p a card including postage. A card costs 75p in garden shops and has 20 pins—use one, two or more a plant according to the size of the pot. All my indoor pots have now been pinned but I cannot tell you the results, good or bad, for some time yet. Thomas Rochford, however, may have some firm ideas.

■ I wish I had real confidence in myself when it comes to singing the praises of Sparktune 2, the dwell/voltage test meter with three scales for dwell angle, volts and points condition. I wish I had because motorists are making this one of the popular products among motoring accessories, buying them at Halfords, Longlife, Woolco and other retailers of car parts.

I understand that Sparktune is the least expensive of its kind on the British market. I respect the AA seal of approval and I do see that it must save a good deal of money—first because it does a fairly-expensive job more cheaply and partly because a wrongly-tuned car is costly to run. I am almost au fait with the leaflet which explains quite clearly the ills of poor tuning, the problems of doing it, the critical areas of engine tuning and the explanation of how Sparktune can help. I get lost at about this point so I had better merely state, more or less parrot fashion, that Sparktune allows you to measure and adjust the dwell angle, this being the period of the distributor cam rotation during which the contact breaker points remain closed; that you can determine the condition of the contact breaker points essential in maintaining high tension (spark) voltage. And I will merely accept that Sparktune 2 makes static ignition timing easy. An expert assures me it does not make it cheap for one individual except over a long period so think about sharing.

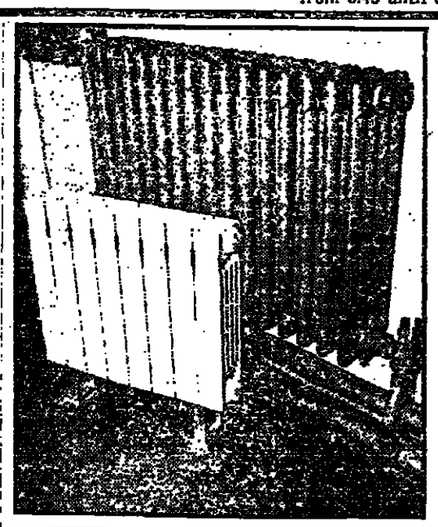
I am not knocking Sparktune at all. The AA's view is more than confirmed by Champion Sparking Plug Company whose statistics show that well above half of British cars have the points inaccurately set or the timing wrong so that petrol is being wasted. All of them could use Sparktune 2. To those who know what they are doing, Sparktune 2 is obviously well worth £10.50 or thereabouts—motorcycle/two cylinder adaptors are about £1.30. For leaflets of this and of other useful car accessories, write to Gunson's Colorplugs, 66 Royal Mint Street, London E1 8LG (01-480 7561).

■ Robot-Chef, that latest sister of the Magimix and a superb kitchen machine, is now at all branches of Habitat at a special price of £49 until the end of April (it sells for about £57.35 in most stockists). Demonstrations are being arranged at Habitat branches—check with your local one. I believe the demonstrations are well worth visiting because these are such versatile, capable machines and it is as well to see all they can do in the way of mixing, shredding, chopping, slicing, chip-making, liquidizing, without taking up much more space than the average toaster.

Habitat has rearranged its kitchen departments into product groups covering the cook's various activities like preparation, cooking, storage (including preserving) and baking, coffee or tea-making.

It is also time to be sowing parsley in those lovely pots with the holes in their sides. I am not really successful with winter parsley in the kitchen in these pots, which need a great deal of light. But they look fun out of doors and I find the parsley survives the winter in a sheltered place on my balcony. Habitat branches are being added all the time so, if there is no branch near you, ask head office when to expect one.

Habitat Designs Ltd, Hithercroft Road, Wallingford, Oxon. (Wallingford 35000.)



■ The British Tourist Authority's small 48-page book, *Shopping in London*, is now published at 50p plus postage. Charts of shopping streets, notes on large and small shops, banks, airline offices, Tubes and so forth are all in the book, as well as information on opening hours, details of tourist information centres and even some advice on tax relief for overseas visitors and a guide on clothing sizes. Send 70p to the British Tourist Authority, 64 St James's Street, London SW1A 1NF.

■ If you plan new or replacement heating installations, now is the time to be shopping for them so that you can get the work done while it is warm. At the Building Centre I saw some very neat radiators, the slimline Aelrad precision-cast aluminium Mark 2 radiators, as they turned out to be. They are aesthetically pleasing, which is more than one can normally say for radiators, and they are the ultimate in sophisticated heat exchange because they are about half the size of their traditional counterparts. They give a really high heat output, yet have a touchable surface, which is particularly advisable when children or infirm people inhabit the home.

They are finished in ivory-coloured stove-enamelling, are mounted on wall brackets and are sold in four models ranging from 290mm to 690mm high with outputs of 392 to 706 British Thermal Units per 80mm section. Even more unusual is the guarantee which runs for 10 years, a longer term for this kind of equipment than I have ever come across before. Most heating engineers are now familiar with them but you can get details and addresses of stockists where they can be seen and priced from Acoustics and Environmetrics, Ruxley Towers, Claygate, Esher, Surrey KT10 0UF (Esher 67281).

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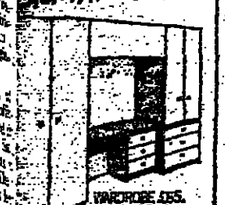
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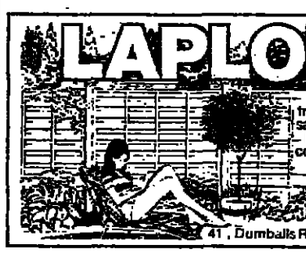
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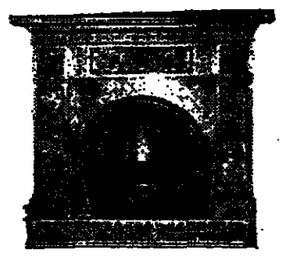
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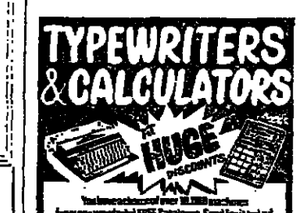
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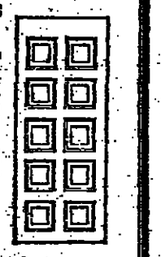
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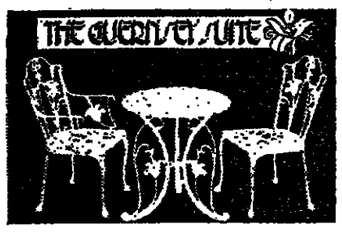
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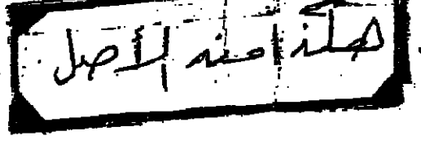
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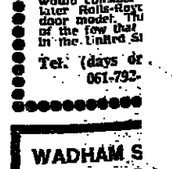




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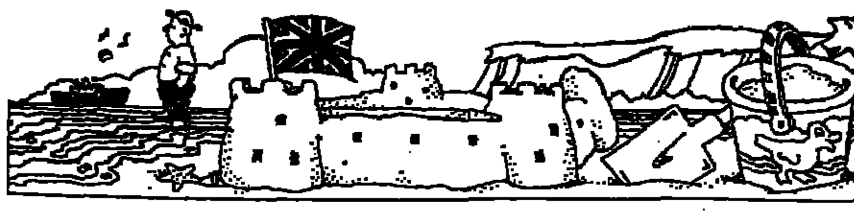
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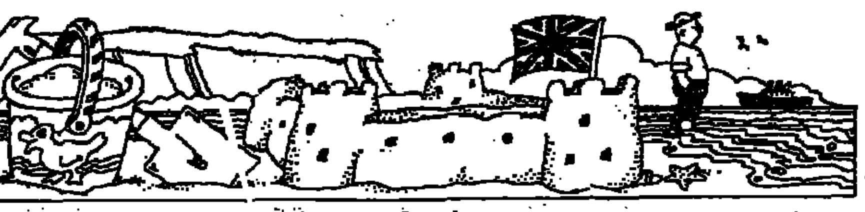
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BENOAKE.—On 5th April, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Linda (née Fairnced) and Brian —a son (Lee).

BURLEY.—On 4th April, at New York University Hospital, to Francoise (née Michaud) and John—a daughter (Natasha [illegible]).

CHUDLEY.—On March 24th at Keitering Hospital, to Gillian (née Perkins) and Robin—a daughter (Georgina Emma).

COLE.—On 5th April, at Coventry, to Sharon and Russell—a daughter (Zoe Harriet).

DEARLOVE.—On March 24th, to Rosalind (née McKenzie) and Richard—a son (Matthew Christian).

DEWAR.—On April 6th, at Aldershot, to Gail (née Shields) and James—a daughter (Rowena Claire), a sister for Caroline.

EUSTON.—On 6 April, 1978, at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's, Paddington, to Clare and James—a son.

FRAMPTON.—At Perth Royal Infirmary, on April 2nd, to Charles and Johanna (née Thorn)—a daughter (Rosalind Georgina).

BIRTHS

GRAHAM-PALMER.—On April 2nd at Wrexham Maelor Hospital, to Vanessa (née Drury) and Roger —a daughter (Violet Millicent Vanessa).

GRIFFIN.—On 6th April, at University College Hospital, London, to Catherine (née Owen Lloyd) and Richard—a son (Daniel Owen John).

HOY.—On 31st March, to Suzanne (née Lomas) and Iain—a son, brother to Duncan and Annabel.

KING.—At Queen Charlotte's, to Christine (née Chapman) and Terence—a daughter (Caroline [illegible]).

KINGSLEY.—On April 6th, to Jeanne (née Copeland) and Robert—a daughter.

LEVIS.—On 26th March, at Oxford, to Alison (née Rogers) and John Robert—a son (Richard John).

LIPSCOMB.—On 16th February, 1978, at Romford, to Hazel and Stephen—a son (David Michael), a brother for Sandra.

MANSFIELD.—On Mar 9th, 1978, to Jessica (née Manley) and James, Box 127 Roma QLD 4455, Australia—a daughter.

MITCHELL.—On 5th April, at the Glasgow Royal Maternity Hospital, to Lynn and Carol—a son ([illegible]).

MOSS.—On 7th April, at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Susie and Peter—a daughter (Camilla), sister for Henry.

PILE.—On April 6th at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Jenny (née Youngman) and Anthony—a son.

POTTON.—On 6th April, 1978, at the University College Hospital, W.C.1, to Anita and Malcolm Potton—a daughter (Claudia).

REES.—On 6th April, at Ipswich, to Sarah (née Robinson) and Jeffrey—a son (James Edward).

RIDLEY.—On 4th April to Jeanette and Stuart — a daughter (Justine Clare Elizabeth).

ROBERTSON.—On the 6th April, to Susan and Angus—a daughter.

SIEGLER.—On April 5th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Julia (née Gubser) and David Siegler—a daughter (Ruth), a sister for Jonathan.

SIMPSON.—To Robert and Lorraine, on 6th April, 1978, at Simpson Memorial Maternity Pavilion, Edinburgh—a son (Russel James).

UREN.—On April 4th, at H.R.H. Princess Christian's Nursing Home, Windsor, to Anne (née Gerson) and Edward—a son (Charles Alexander), a brother for our darling Sophie.

WALMSLEY.—On April 1st, at Santa Theresa's Hospital, to Elizabeth and James—a daughter (Anna Maria).

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DEATHS

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CAMPBELL OF STRACHUR.—April 1st, 1978, Syal, aged 90 years, late of the Terrace House, K. [illegible], widow of Lieut.-Colonel Kenneth John Campbell of Strachur, beloved mother of Niall, grandmother of David and Fiona, great grandmother of Georgina and Charles. Funeral private, no flowers.

CONNSELL.—On April 6th, 1978, at the Chesterfield Nursing home Bristol, Arthur Henry, aged 85 years, loved father of Hazel. Funeral service and cremation at Canford crematorium on Tuesday, April 11th, at 12.20 p.m. Floral tributes may be sent to Sir Thomas Davis Chapels of Rest, Southville, Bristol.

DAVIS.—On 6th April, suddenly whilst on holiday in Egypt, Edward Artur Davis, aged 73, husband of Betty and father of Jill and Bill, of Little Hurst, 3 Newlands Avenue, Radlett, Herts. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

GRAY.—On April 6th, 1978, Frank Gordon, aged 81 years, of Marton Gainsborough, formerly of Chichester, the beloved husband of the late Ellen, father of Gordon and grandfather of Fiona, Nigel and Sarah. Funeral service St. Mary's Church, Stow, Monday, April 10th, at 10 a.m. No flowers, by request. Donations in lieu to Cancer Research.

GRIGOR-TAYLOR.—On April 1st after a short illness, William Roberts Grigor-Taylor, F.I.C.E., of Over Haddon, Bakewell, Derbyshire.

GRISLEY.—On April 3rd, peacefully, in a Canterbury hospital, after a long illness, Frederick Grisley, B.Sc., M.I.C.E., formerly of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, dearly beloved husband of Rose and father of June and Fred. Funeral service at Charing Crematorium, Kent, on Monday, April 10th. For details ring 022 776 510.

HAMMOND, A. E. F.—Suddenly on April 5th, at 53 St. Annes Grove, Knowle, Solihull, formerly of 58 Ullswater Road, Southgate, N.14. Funeral at Robin Hood Crematorium, Tuesday, April 11th, at 3.20 p.m.

HART, LOUIS ALBERT (Bov), on April 6th, after a long illness, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Terry, father of David and Timothy and dear brother of Madge, Joyce and Freddy. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, 11.30 a.m., Tuesday, April 11th.

HARTLEY.—On March 30th in New Zealand, Paul Christopher Hartley, aged 26 years. Dearly loved husband of Amanda and much loved son of Christopher and Betty, of Sevenoaks, Kent, brother of Peter and Timothy. Cremation at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday, April 10th at 4 p.m. Thanksgiving service at Seal Parish Church on Saturday, May 6th, at 11 a.m. Enquiries to: W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks 54457.

HASSELL.—On April 4th suddenly at home, Joseph Gordon Hassell, F.C.I.S., aged 68, of 30 Temple Fortune Hill, London, N.W.11. Beloved father of David, Kathleen, Peter and Elizabeth. Funeral service for the family on April 7th. Memorial service on Wednesday, April 26th, at Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church at 3 p.m.

DEATHS

HAVERS.—On April 5th, in hospital, Mary, beloved wife of Air Vice Marshal Sir William Havers, of Trailer Lodge, Waterside, Knaresborough. Funeral Service at St. John's Parish Church, Knaresborough, Tuesday, April 11th, 2.30 p.m., followed by cremation. Sprays only please. Flowers to Whitley and Leachman, Finkle St., Knaresborough, N. Yorkshire.

HUNTER. — At the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on 6th April, 1978, Professor George Hunter, aged 84 years, of Muskoka, Gidley Way, Horspath, Oxford, formerly of the University of Alberta, and of Mauchline, Ayrshire, husband of Elizabeth Mary Wyllie and father of Margaret, Winifred, Nancy and Elizabeth. Funeral private. No flowers, please.

KEANE.—On April 7th, in his 80th year, peacefully at his home, Highdown Rd., Roehampton, S.W.15, Dr Henry Anthony, beloved husband of Patricia and father of Desmond, Paul and Georgina. Service at St. Josephs' Roehampton, on Wednesday, 12th, at 10 a.m. No flowers. Donations to the Cameron Fund, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

KINGSHOTT.—On 5th April at P.M.R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, Dorrie Marie, dearly loved wife of Air Vice-Marshal K. Kingshott, R.A.F., and mother of Mark and Guy. Funeral service at Halton Village Church on Saturday, 8th April, at 11.00 a.m.

MANN.—On April 6th, 1978, peacefully, at Rustington, aged 77 years, Albert Henry Mann, F.I.A., of 4 Myrtle Grove, Angmering-on-Sea, Sussex, beloved husband of Win (Cissie), dear father of Trevor and Keith. Cut flowers and all enquiries please to F. A. Holland & Son, Terminus Rd., Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel.: Littlehampton 3 [illegible].

McKENZIE.—On April 5th, 1978, in hospital, Ronald Alexander, aged 80, son of the late Lewis and Mary McKenzie, of Putney, brother of Nancy Mill and Amy Frost. R.I.P.

MONTGOMERY.—On April 5, George Wyndham Claud Montgomery, O.B.E., Col. R.A. (retired), late Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, dear husband of Aletta (Lola). Service, Chichester Crematorium, Tuesday, April 11, at 12.30 p.m. Cut flowers only to Edward White & Son, 5 South Pallant, Chichester. Tel. 82156.

NIGAM.—On April 3rd, Gertrud Hedwig, widow of Dr B. P. Nigam, much loved mother of Amrita and Anita, grandmother of Nikhil, Vivek and Ravi, sister of Annie. Cremation at Croydon Crematorium, Tuesday, April 11th, 3.0 p.m. (East Chapel). Enquiries and flowers to Harrods Funeral Service, 49 Marloes Rd, W8. Tel.: 01-937 0372.

POTT.—On 4th April, 1978, peacefully at R.A.F. Hospital Halton, after a long illness, Norma (née Lyons Montgomery). Dearly loved wife of Sir Leslie Pott, K.B.E., and mother of Nicholas. Funeral service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, on Wednesday, 12th April, at 3.30 p.m. Enquiries to R. Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted.

ROBINSON.—On 6th April, peacefully asleep after a very short illness, Brigadier W. P. A. Robinson, M.C., late Royal Artillery, a Military Knight of Windsor, beloved father of Guy Robinson, 46, Carson Road, West Dulwich, London. Funeral at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 11th April, followed by private cremation.

RUTHERFORD.—On 26th March, peacefully, in hospital in his 74th year, Donald Crawford Macleod Rutherford, C.A. Dear husband of the late Daphne "Margot" Frost and dear father of David and Sheila. Cremated privately.

SCOTT.—On Tuesday, 4th April, in a nursing home after a long illness, Thomas Leslie, aged 79, of Old Bosham, West Sussex, beloved and loving husband of the late Edith and father of Michael, David and the late Malcolm Scott. Funeral 3.30 p.m., Monday, 10th April, at Chichester Crematorium. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to St. Barnabas's Nursing Home, Columbia Drive, Worthing, Sussex.

SELIGMAN.—On April 5, 1978, in a London Hospital, Marie Elisabeth Georgina in her 93rd year. Widow of Armand Seligman and mother of the late Reggie Seligman. Service at St. Marylebone Crematorium on Thursday, April 13, at 10 a.m. If desired donations may be sent to the Royal National Institute for the Deaf.

SKELTON.—On April 1st, Ursula Joyce, aged 69, widow of Major-General Dudley Sheridan Skelton, C.M.B., D.S.O., late of Haslemere. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells, Wednesday, April 12th, at 2.00 p.m. Flowers to E. R. Hickmott & Son, 31, Grove Hill Rd., Tunbridge Wells.

TESSER.—On 4th April, 1978, peacefully, in hospital, Phyllis May Tesser, beloved wife of Victor and loved mother of only son Gregory. Cremation service at Golders Green on Tuesday, 11 April, at 12.15 p.m. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 01-455 [illegible].

WADDINGTON.—On 5th April, 1978, Elspeth (née Grant), of Monymusk, beloved mother of Frances Manson and grandmother of Lucy, William and Alice. Funeral St. Michael's, Chester Square, S.W.1, Tuesday, 11th April at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, please.

WAITE.—On April 2nd, 1978, Alice Margaret, of Wallington, Surrey, wife of the late Major J. J. Waite, Indian Army, and beloved mother of Peggy Cummings and sister of Lawrie Montgomery. No flowers, please. Contributions to charity of choice.

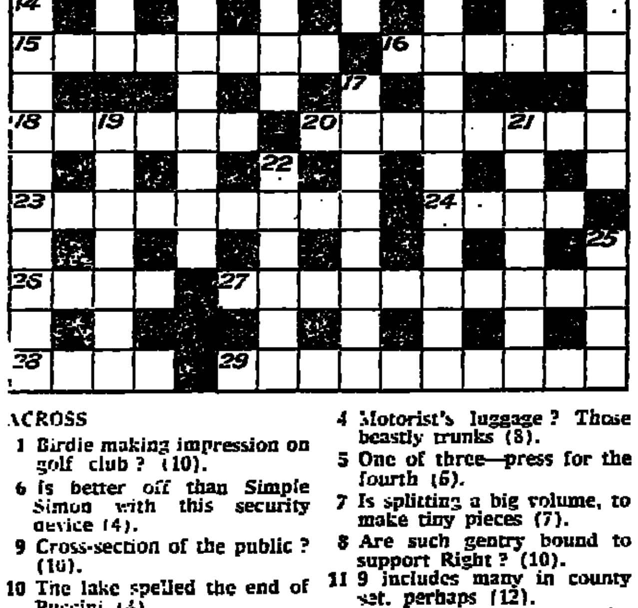
WANKLYN.—On Wednesday, 5th April, 1978, suddenly at Carlin House nursing home, Camberley, Surrey, Marjorie Josephine Wanklyn, in her 93rd year. Widow of W. L. Wanklyn and mother of Jack, Peter and Jean and of the late Lt-Cmdr M. D. Wanklyn R.N. and P. R. Wanklyn. Beloved as wise mother and friend, full of courage to the end. Funeral service on Monday, 10th April, at 12 noon, at the East Hampstead Park Crematorium, Nine Mile Ride, Wokingham. All enquiries to Camberley and District Funeral Service Ltd. Telephone: Camberley 33241.

WORSLEY.—On April 6th, suddenly, but peacefully, at Linksfield, 35 Red Lane, Claygate, Margaret Jane, widow of Commander Frank A. Worsley, D.S.O., Captain of the Endurance. Funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday, 12th April, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers please to F. W. Payne, 108 High Str., Esher, Surrey. Tel. 640 21.

FUNERAL

MORGAN, MORIEN BEDFORD.—The funeral will take place at 3.00 p.m. Tuesday, 11th April, 1978, in Downing College Chapel, Cambridge. Family and close friends.

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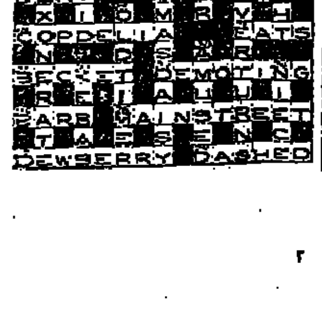
ACROSS

1 Birdie making impression on golf club? (10).
6 Is better off than Simple Simon with this security device (4).
9 Cross-section of the public? (10).
10 The lake spelled the end of Puccini (4).
12 Support essential for bridge contract? (4).
13 Sanction anagram from all the vowels and consonants in short (9).
15 Deal, when director demands a cut . . . (4-4).
16 . . . a risky proposition—Times leader's view (6).
18 The main rising he could not check (6).
20 Fine work of reformed girl I put in charge (8).
23 Making fun of racialist organization (9).
24 Communities want this group to become Reds (4).
26 "—, Cold—, is master of them all" (Kipling) (4).
27 One who raised the issue with his partner (10).
28 Not-so-hot propeller? (4).
29 Red actor with part in Chekhov play (6-4).

DOWN

1 It's said to stop the drink simply (4).
2 Can this precious object be cut into bits perhaps? (7).
3 Fishermen's prayers (12).
4 Motorist's luggage? Those beastly trunks (8).
5 One of three—press for the fourth (6).
7 Is splitting a big volume, to make tiny pieces (7).
8 Are such gentry bound to support Right? (10).
11 9 includes many in county set, perhaps (12).
14 With no change at all in the place, fills up money-drawer (5-5).
17 Auburn deserter? (8).
19 It's clear Labour TV set-up . . . (7).
21 . . . disturbs Tories—right to create uproar (7).
22 Cause fire damage to HQ of Scottish orthodox churches? (6).
25 About to enter 26 (it's open) (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,868



PERSONAL COLUMNS

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IN MEMORIAM

GLEN, J. ARTHUR, 1st King Edward's Horse (XI Corps, British First Army), killed 9th April, 1918, fighting dismounted in the defence of Vielle Chapelle (the Lys Offensive) and remembered by his family on this 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Lys.

IN MEMORY of those who died during the siege of Tobruk.—K.R.

BARRIE BROWN.—In ever-loving memory of William Barrie Brown, of Fresden, Highworth, Wiltshire, who died 25 March, 1965.

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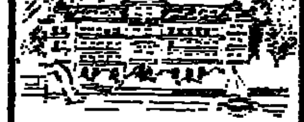
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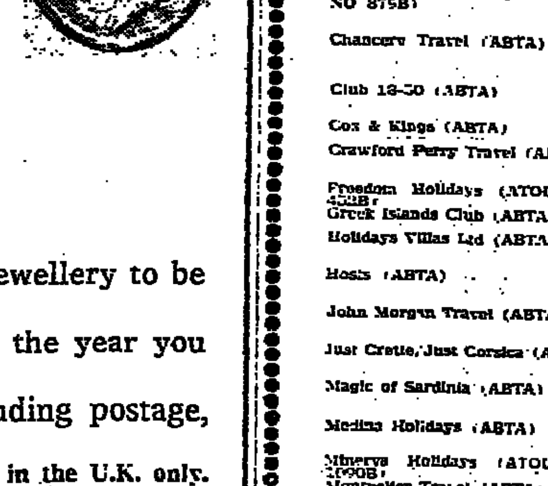
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